

Leaves

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Commencement Speaker

Marian Heard, CEO and President for Oxen Hill Partners of Braintree and former CEO of the United Way of New England.



Marian Heard is a leadership expert and non-profit executive. She currently serves as CEO and President for Oxen Hill Partners, which specializes in leadership development programs. During her

tenure in previous positions at the United Way, she was known as a champion for youth. She will be the commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient at Lasell College's 155th graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

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"Connected Learning/Connected Campus" Master Plan Developed for Lasell

Campuses are never static entities. They are constantly changing — physically, socially, pedagogically, even economically. And, a natural continuation of the five-year Strategic Plan that was developed in the first months of President Michael B. Alexander's tenure is the introduction of a Campus Master Plan.

"The Master Plan is an opportunity to fantasize about how the physical campus might change over the next 15 to 20 years," says President Alexander. "The best campuses grow in relation to the future academic development of the institution. Those that do so are able to maintain their historical qualities and change by building on and enhancing these qualities. As undergraduate enrollment increases to the projected 1,600 students in 2012, the College's physical space needs will expand correspondingly."

In order to assess how to best use the existing plant and to augment it for the future, Lasell worked with a consulting team from four firms. They conducted extensive faculty and staff interviews and researched and catalogued the current physical environment, including the landscape, circulation, parking, and architecture. The team also analyzed existing space usage — the student residences, classroom, library,

administration and faculty offices, and athletic space.

"It was interesting to me that the team focused on the landscape first — studying the topography and looking for a visual focal point that could serve as a special place or 'village green,'" says President Alexander. "If we were to move Case House across the street to an empty lot that we own, we would have

such a space, bookmarked by Carpenter and Gardner, two of the College's signature buildings."

The architects also studied how the students move across campus. They proposed a pedestrian walkway that would run from Brennan Library to Wolfe and Wass Halls, connecting the principle academic buildings.

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This master plan shows the 20-year proposal for renovated buildings, new buildings, new plantings, and new open spaces.



The proposed Woodland Road streetscape shows it as an enhanced pedestrian walkway with new plantings and signage.

SPOTLIGHTING ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



LASER ON ALUMNI

This issue highlights Susan Carten Varga '72 and Meredith Byam Miller '00

Message from the President



Michael B. Alexander.

Dear Lasell Community,

Despite what you may read in the newspapers about the effect of the dismal economic climate on higher education, Lasell College continues not only to weather the storm but to gather more wind in its sails and become stronger by the day. Yes, our endowment is down like everybody else's, but it has had minimal effect on our operating budget. Our spring semester enrollments are the highest

in history and our retention of first-year students is the highest in memory. We now have more than 100 graduate students, a total which is bound to climb next fall as our new M.S. in Communication program moves into full swing (see story p. 19). Applications for admission in the fall are again running ahead of last year, which were up 15% from the year before. Applications from outside New England and the mid-Atlantic are up 14% and international applications are up 22%, an encouraging sign for the future.

Because our student body continues to grow, even in these difficult times, we need to continue to grow the size of our faculty, our institutional aid budget, and our residential facilities. The two residence halls currently under construction — which we have decided for now to call East Hall and West Hall — are on time and on budget. We are budgeting for another substantial increase in institutional aid to support our students and their families who are suffering from current economic conditions. And, at a time when other institutions are implementing hiring and salary freezes, we are hiring at least two new faculty members for next year.

At the same time we have put aside a cash reserve to protect the College in the event that the world's financial circumstances will cause us to come up short on students next year. Although all our data is positive at the moment, if unemployment rates continue to rise, some families may find it difficult to fund their fair share of private college tuition. In the face of these challenges, we intend to keep growing. For that reason, this past September we updated the Strategic Plan which we had developed in Fall 2007 and we went on to create a Campus Master Plan, which considers the possibilities for the future of the physical campus 15-20 years from now. In this issue of *Leaves*, you will find an update of the Strategic Plan (see story p. 3) and a report on the new Campus Master Plan (see story p. 1).

Because the College has been operating smoothly and continues to grow stronger, we have been able to concentrate on planning for the future, both for our academic programs and for our physical facilities. None of these dreams can come true without the support of the College's alumni and friends. In a year in which many

colleges will struggle to match annual giving totals from last year, we are almost certain to surpass last year's record results, largely because of the Adelaide Van Winkle Annual Fund Challenge, which matches all increases of at least \$100 from prior year contributions. Nevertheless, meeting our ambitious Annual Fund goal for this year will be a challenge in these trying times. We greatly appreciate your willingness to stretch a little further to make sure we take full advantage of the opportunity Adelaide has provided us.

Please find an opportunity to come to Reunion or just visit campus any time and you too will be able to share in the beauty and excitement that is Lasell College.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Alexander
President

Lasell College Announces the Election of New Board Members

Board of Trustees



Rena Faye Clark is a Principal of GenNX360 Capital Partners, a private equity firm. She has had over 20 years of general

management and entrepreneurial experience and has served as vice president for the Kraft Sports Group and the New England Patriots, where she oversaw all corporate giving activities and strategic community initiatives. She has been director and chief operating officer for Harvard Business School's M.B.A. Program with responsibility for admissions, financial aid, and all student services. There she also worked as part of a leadership team that successfully revitalized and grew the African American Alumni Association and she still serves on the organization's board.

Ms. Clark is a graduate of Lamar University in Texas, where she received her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and she received her M.B.A. from Harvard University. She has volunteered with a number of non-profit organizations and

was honored by the Johnson Publishing Company for her community contributions. She is a resident of Jamaica Plain, MA.



Susan M. Moran has devoted nearly 30 years to the enrichment of children and education. While raising her family of four, she was an avid volunteer

on school boards, local charities, and non-profit organizations.

Ms. Moran served on the board of Trinity High School in Manchester, NH and was also the co-chairperson of its charity auctions for six years. She has been on the board and served as a trustee of Child & Family Services, the oldest charitable organization in New Hampshire. She still maintains close contact and volunteers at its teen closet, which works with at-risk youth. She has also given her time to Families in Transition, a non-profit organization that provides those who are at-risk of becoming homeless with safe and affordable housing. In addition to her volunteer and charitable work, Ms.

Moran is co-owner of two Sylvan Learning Centers in New Hampshire that offer supplemental tutoring programs for both children and adults.

Besides bringing her experience in both the business and volunteer service to Lasell, Ms. Moran is a Lasell parent. Her daughter, Kristin, is a sophomore who is majoring in Fashion Merchandising and is also a member of the varsity field hockey team. "I have seen through Kristin how the unique and interesting programs at Lasell can enrich the educational and social aspects of a student's life," she says.



Kathryn E. West is Vice President of Real Estate and Facilities at Partners HealthCare System, Inc. where she is responsible for the strategic

management of a broad portfolio of owned and leased property. She oversees the coordination and permitting of large-scale development projects, planning and construction services for member hospitals, and

professional real estate services, including leasing and acquisitions.

Prior to joining Partners, Ms. West was Associate Dean for Operations at Harvard Medical School and was responsible for the management of all campus real estate, off-site commercial and residential properties, and the administrative services of the research and teaching institution. She has also served as Director of Real Estate Development at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and has extensive management experience in a variety of public, non-profit, and private sector environments.

Ms. West earned her B.A. in Government at Smith College and has an M.B.A. from Boston University. She is on the Board of Directors Management Committee of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, serves on the Board of Directors of the Boston Center for the Arts, and is an active member of New England Women in Real Estate.

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New Horizons for Lasell Trustee

Dr. Robert Huntington Named President of Heidelberg University



This July, Dr. Robert Huntington will become Heidelberg University's fourteenth president, bringing a combination of higher education and

corporate experience with him to the Tiffin, Ohio campus. He was selected for his strategic thinking and organizational leadership skills, qualities that will enable him to take on the future challenges facing the University.

Lasell has been fortunate to have Dr. Huntington serve as both an Overseer and a Trustee since 1993, lending his thoughtful analysis and marketing experience to the College. As a Trustee, he chaired the Academic Affairs committee for eight years and he currently chairs the Institutional Advancement committee. He is also a member of the Finance Committee and served on the recent presidential search committee.

During part of this time, he was completing his Ed.D. at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in Higher Education Administration, Planning and Social Policy. "I marveled at his ability to juggle family, corporate career, and educational accomplishment while maintaining his valued involvement with Lasell," says President Emeritus Tom de Witt.

Dr. Huntington has worked at Dunkin' Brands for more than 22 years. He has served as vice president for Enterprise Support Services, vice president for Organizational Learning and Development, vice president for Global Integrated Planning and Marketing Effectiveness, vice president for Business Reinvention and Strategic Planning, and vice president for Multi-Brand Development. With system-wide sales approaching \$7 billion annually, Dunkin' Brands franchises the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands in nearly 15,000 locations around the world.

A *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of Middlebury College, Dr. Huntington earned his Master's degree in German Literature from Middlebury's University of Mainz (Germany) program, his M.B.A. degree from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and then continued on to Harvard for his Ed.D. degree.

As his family prepares to transition into the Heidelberg community, the entire Lasell community wishes Rob all the best in his new presidential role. 🌟

New Board Members Elected

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Overseer



Clara Silsby Lamperti '50 has always been busy and involved: with her family, in community volunteer work, in business, and with Lasell. She brings a strong and valued alumni voice to the Board of Overseers.

In her youth, Clara had a passion for ballet but her parents convinced her to enroll at Lasell before deciding her future. "It was two years filled with growth, learning, and relationships that turned into lifelong friendships," she recalls. After graduation, she headed to New York, took a job at American Broadcasting Company, and soon married her husband, Bob. The two live in Warren, New Jersey and have three sons and five grandchildren.

While raising her family, Clara managed to find time to become involved with community volunteer work and she lent her talents to the United Family and Children's Society, to the United Way, and to the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council for which she served as Community Chairman for the city of Plainfield, NJ. "It was a time of serious racial unrest and riots, an experience beyond description, which resulted in the integration of schools — a fantastic learning experience."

In 1972, Clara and a friend opened a successful consignment shop, "Second Time Around," which she only recently turned over to her son. Lasell is a beneficiary of her retirement as she now has time to serve on its Board of Overseers. 🌟

Vision 2012

College's Strategic Plan Reconfirmed and Augmented

The Strategic Plan is a living document and, this fall, town meetings and a two-day weekend meeting were held to review, reconfirm, and augment the goals that were developed in 2007. The group of faculty, staff, students, alumni, senior management, Lasell Village residents, and Board members developed strategies and action plans in support of Vision 2012, tried to gain a greater understanding of the College and its markets, and discussed the idea of possibly consolidating the College's efforts behind one community service or one social justice issue as a way of having a greater positive impact.

Looking at the 2007 plan, the review team decided that several areas continued to hold true and did not require amendment: the strengths and weaknesses of the College in relation to its competition; the Mission Statement; the College's statement of values; and the positioning statement, "Where the Classroom is the Real World."

In reviewing the goals of Vision 2012, two new ones were added: a capstone experience or senior theses in all majors; and the optimization of the administrative services of the College utilizing tools such as a cost efficiency study. The group also shared the belief that the College needs a new athletic facility and that a renovation of the existing facility will not be an adequate improvement for the cost involved.

During a brainstorming session about the possibility and feasibility of consolidating the College's community service efforts, the reviewers resolved that an audit of community service and social justice efforts in the Lasell community be performed. Additionally, the College will conduct an external assessment of the areas of greatest need and how they intersect with Lasell's ability to impact them, with the expectation that the College may choose an issue or service around which to consolidate its efforts.



President Alexander and the strategic planning participants consider some recommendations.

The group reviewed the short-term objectives from last year and determined that each objective was completed or well on the way to completion. They then developed a new list of short-term objectives that when achieved over the next 12- to 18-months would advance the College toward Vision 2012.

- Promote and meet the Van Winkle challenge by June 2009
- Complete a cost efficiency study by July 2009
- Have a plan in place for a new athletic facility, including a funding plan by March 2010
- Implement institutionally consistent capstone experiences across all majors by September 2010
- Improve career development services to better serve undergraduate and graduate students and alumni by June 2010

Endless Possibilities

Hard Work and Serendipity Define Career of Susan Carten Varga '72

"You never know," smiles Susan Carten Varga '72. "Always go on an interview."

Using this rule of thumb in 1997, Susan met Lawrence Kudlow, the economist, television personality, and columnist, and has been working for him ever since.

"It was a leap for me. I had been employed by Martha Stewart as her personal appearance and lecture coordinator and, although I had studied finance, working for an economist seemed like a 180 degree turn. But, it's been very exciting and I've been there as Larry has achieved his goals — to have a syndicated column, a radio show, a TV show, and to own his own company."

Susan is now Chief Operating Officer of Kudlow & Company with an exciting and exhausting job description. "Besides having an active role in the company, I help run Larry's life, I am the liaison with the TV and radio production staffs, and help organize speaking engagements. Larry is very connected with Wall Street and Washington, so I've even found myself organizing many White House briefings."

When Susan enrolled at Lasell in 1970 she wasn't sure what she wanted to do. "I decided to attend a two year college because I thought it would give me time to figure out my direction. I found myself in a nurturing, positive environment and I thrived."

After graduating, Susan went on to the University of Rhode Island, received her B.S. in Finance, and started work in property management. But this was just the beginning.

"By accident, I got into modeling," she recalls. "I had a friend who suggested I try it and my start came when a model for a shoe commercial, who happened to have the same shoe size as me, broke her leg. From then on I took on modeling jobs when I could take the time away from my 'regular' job."

"When the agency suggested putting my name in for the Miss Rhode Island contest, I said, 'No, this is not the direction I want to go in.' But, they convinced me to go ahead because we all agreed there was no way I was going to win. Well, I won and off I went to the Miss U.S.A. pageant."



(L to R) Lauren Suzanne Varga '05 and Susan Carten Varga '72 make a great mother-daughter team.

Soon after, Susan got married, moved to Connecticut, and eventually started her own bookkeeping business.

"One of my clients was Martha Stewart's brother," she recalls, "and this led to my career taking a new turn. I began answering her fan mail and soon started working for her full time."

In 1997, a headhunter contacted Susan about a job with Tommy Hilfiger but both decided this was a conflict of interest with her employment with Martha Stewart. It was then that the headhunter proposed an interview with Larry Kudlow, and she has worked with him ever since.

Susan has two children and when her daughter, Lauren, was deciding on colleges, Susan recommended she consider Lasell. "I said to her, 'Just look at it.' I think she is similar to me and I thought it would be a good fit."

"On our campus visit I was so impressed by the College's growth — it has done this in a good way, not losing any of its values or its feeling of close community."

I couldn't have been prouder when Lauren graduated *magna cum laude* in 2005. Like me, I think Lasell gave her a chance to grow, figure things out, and be prepared for whatever comes along." 🌱

An Entrepreneur with Strong Fashion Sense

Meredith Byam Miller '00 Makes Mark with Vintage Clothing Store

Hard work and a keen eye for fashion account for the success of Meredith Byam Miller '00's consignment and vintage clothing store, "Poor Little Rich Girl," that is located in a 4750 foot space in Davis Square in Somerville, MA. It's no accident that the shop was voted the *Boston Phoenix's* "Best 08" and *Boston Magazine's* "Best of Boston" 2007. "I've come a long way since I started in a tiny location in 2002. No two days are alike, I love what I do, and I'm inspired by it," says Meredith.

A Fashion major, Meredith transferred to Bentley College in the middle of her course of study and then returned to Lasell. "I had an eclectic education," she recalls. "I took a lot of business classes at Bentley and when I re-enrolled at Lasell I was older than the typical student. I approached my studies with a different attitude, something that was immediately recognized by Fashion Professor Jill Carey. She intuitively knew what I needed and her Fashion History class piqued my interest. She got me energized and with what I learned I can now look at a piece of clothing and date it immediately — an invaluable talent for the business I'm in."

During her last three semesters at Lasell, Meredith worked part-time at a consignment shop and took a full-time job there after graduating. "My parents



A vintage Adolfo hat is among the many treasures at Meredith Byam Miller's "Poor Little Rich Girl."

encouraged me to open my own store. My heart wasn't totally into design, I knew I had good marketing and management skills, and so I decided to give it a try. Four and a half years later I could afford to move to a bigger space and I love the Davis Square neighborhood — it's trendy, bohemian and diverse, which fits the feel of the store."

With the Davis Square store successfully and firmly established, Meredith opened a second shop at 166 Newbury Street in Boston this December. "So far so good," she smiles. 🌱

To read more about Meredith and "Poor Little Rich Girl" go to:
<http://thephoenix.com/boston/News/28020-Poor-Little-Rich-Girl-expands-in-Davis>

Master Plan Developed for Lasell

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Further, they suggested beautifying Woodland Road, sinking the utility lines, and adding plantings.

"There's a lot of ambition and cost in the plan," says President Alexander. "But, it's important to have a dream. If you don't have a dream, how can you expect your dream to come true?"

The proposed plan, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees, contains suggestions for improvements over the course of the next 20 years in five-year increments. Its key elements are:

- Establish gateways
- Create a strong pedestrian circulation infrastructure and experience

- Create iconic buildings and signature open spaces
- Support the use of outdoor open spaces with an architectural program
- Create a mixed-use layout of buildings
- Locate parking lots at extreme edges of the campus or under new buildings when possible

Several of the recommendations for the first five years are currently underway: the completion of two new residence halls on Woodland Road; the installation of new signage on Commonwealth Avenue; and the renovation of the McClelland Hall entry into an additional Fitness Center (see story p. 19). 🌱

New Faces

Fuss Center Director Appointed

Dr. Joann Montepare sees Center as Signature Piece for Lasell

This is the time to be working in the field of aging," says Dr. Joann Montepare, Lasell's new Director of the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. "And, arriving at the Fuss Center at this point in my career fits me perfectly both professionally and personally. The stars must have been lined up to give me this opportunity to conduct research, teach, and be part of this living, thriving, academic community."

Dr. Montepare comes to Lasell from Emerson College, where she served on the faculty for ten years, most recently as Professor of Psychology and Chair of Marketing Communication. She held prior faculty appointments at Tufts University, Brandeis University, and Wellesley College.

Her research on social perception has examined how age-related qualities of people's faces, voices, and bodies impact impressions and interaction. And, through her work on self-perception, she has explored the "paradox of age" — why the young feel old and the old feel young.

Dr. Montepare has been published in a number of journals, including *Psychology and Aging*, *Journal of Clinical Geropsychology*, and *Journal of Adult Development*. She has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on



Director of the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies Joann Montepare.

various private and federal grants, and she serves on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Aging and Human Development* and the *Journal of Adult Development*. She is the associate editor for special issues for the *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*.

Dr. Montepare received her Ph.D. in Social Developmental Psychology from Brandeis University, her Master's in Psychology from SUNY New Paltz, and her Bachelor's in Biology and Psychology from Smith College. As Director of the Fuss Center, she will play a leadership role in expanding and capitalizing upon Lasell's resources in the area of intergenerational research across the lifespan. 🌱

A Welcoming Presence

Pamela Faria is New Executive Assistant to the President

There is such a feeling of excitement and enthusiasm on this campus," says Pam Faria, President Alexander's new Executive Assistant and Assistant Clerk of the Lasell College, Lasell Village, and Lasell, Inc. Boards. "I was struck immediately by Lasell's sense of community and from my first day I have had a sense of comfort and fit."

Returning to Boston has been a homecoming for Pam, who grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Northeastern. "I have a strong feeling of reconnection and I am delighted to be back," she enthuses.

Pam comes to Lasell from Cabrini College in Radnor, PA, where she was Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Corporation. She was also coordinator for a lengthy strategic planning process there, similar to what President Alexander undertook in 2007. In addition, Pam was involved in special project management, constituent relations, and marketing and communications and still managed to find time to earn her M.S. in Organizational Leadership.

In total, Pam has more than 30 years experience in higher education administration. Prior to working at Cabrini, she held such positions as Vice President of Operations at the Maryland



Executive Assistant to the President Pamela Faria.

Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Vice President for Administrative Services at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

"There is a tremendously supportive culture here at Lasell and I look forward to lending my experience and perspective to the College," she says. 🌱

Vice President for Business and Finance

Dr. Michael J. Hoyle Brings Breadth of Experience, Energy, and Enthusiasm



Vice President for Business and Finance Michael J. Hoyle.

This September, Dr. Michael J. Hoyle arrived on campus as the Vice President for Business and Finance and will serve as the College's Chief Financial Officer, responsible for managing all funds and securities of the College and for the stewardship of College resources.

He takes on the role of leadership, direction, strategic planning, and coordination for the Business and Finance Department, the Department of Plant Operations and Public Safety, the Department of Information Technology, Human Resources, and the Lasell Village Business Office.

Dr. Hoyle comes to Lasell from the Massachusetts Department of

Education, where he held the position of Associate Vice Commissioner for Fiscal and Administrative Policy. Prior to that he served first as Interim President and then President of McIntosh College in Dover, New Hampshire, a private two-year associate degree granting institution owned by Career Education Corporation (CEC). CEC decided to close McIntosh College, along with several other institutions nationwide as part of a "strategic plan" to concentrate resources.

"Michael was applauded by the Board of Trustees at McIntosh for having done an excellent job working under difficult conditions," says President Alexander. "We are extremely pleased to welcome him to Lasell's management team."

Earlier in his career, Dr. Hoyle served first as Director of Finance and then Chief Financial Officer for the Massachusetts campuses of the University of Phoenix. He has held administrative and finance positions at Harvard Business School and New York University. He served for seven years as a member of the Board of Trustees at Roxbury Community College until he stepped down in August 2008.

Dr. Hoyle holds a Ph.D. from New York University in Higher Education Administration, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Bentley College. 🌱

Lending a Critical Eye

Journalism Students Mentor at *Boston Globe's* "Teens in Print"

"Help me find a headline!" called out an aspiring journalist. It was deadline day at "Teens in Print (T.i.P.)," the newspaper written by and for teens in Boston's public high schools, and five Lasell journalism students were in residence to serve as mentors, editors, wordsmiths, and to lend their assistance.

T.i.P. is sponsored by The Boston Globe Foundation and WriteBoston, a citywide initiative whose goal is to improve the writing proficiency of Boston's high school students. Marie Franklin, Lasell's Visiting Professor of Journalism, is the founding editor of T.i.P. and has worked as an editor and writer for the *Boston Globe* for over 20 years.

When Professor Franklin started teaching Journalism at Lasell last fall, the idea of creating a mentoring program, seemed natural. "Immediately Geoff Caravella '10, Loren Grimes '09, Marisa Mastrianno '09, Laura Notarangelo '09, and Shannon Thomas

'09, were interested and I knew that they and the teens would connect. The Lasell mentors would give the teens confidence in their abilities and vice versa. Confidence builds success."

"The first week we went to the *Globe* I was worried that the kids would be smarter than me," confesses Geoff. "But as I worked with the teens I discovered that they all had an idea of what they wanted to do and my job was to help them focus, suggest research possibilities, or maybe work on the introductory paragraph with them."

"I was impressed by the level of interest the teens had and their dedication," recalls Laura. "The program is open to any high school student and they come



Lasell Mentors (L to R) Laura Notarangelo '09, Geoff Caravella '10, Shannon Thomas '09, Marisa Mastrianno '09, and Loren Grimes '09 arrive at the *Globe*.

to the *Globe* every Tuesday and Thursday where they work to put out five issues a year of T.i.P. It's a way for them to express their opinions and thoughts and they are a talented group."

Teens in Print – A Learning Experience

By Shannon Thomas '09

I took a lot away from being a mentor at Teens in Print (T.i.P.), some of it unexpected. I learned about the challenges Boston public high school students face every day. As a student who attended a public high school — not even close to Boston — that had campus police in the hallways, it was interesting for me to hear that the concerns and issues this group faced were the same ones I had.



Shannon Thomas (left) '09 works on a story with a T.i.P. student.

These teens don't have the luxury of switching schools and heading to the suburbs. Instead, they use their writing skills to be proactive and try to invoke change through their stories. The teens regularly question administrator and school district decisions and sometimes even those of other adults, which can make life hard for them because they are "teen" aged.

The students in T.i.P. conduct their own research, interview subjects by themselves, and write their own stories. T.i.P. is an example of journalism at its best: they investigate issues that affect their peers and continually ask, "Why?"

The T.i.P. staff is the voice for Boston high school students including those who feel they are ignored and distrusted by adults. Their passion for journalism and dedication to T.i.P. is captivating and an outlet for them to express their concerns.

I am extremely grateful to have been a part of this publication. The motivation, talent, and dedication of this group to provide a voice for Boston area teens is inspiring. ♥

Hello Classes from the '60s, '70s, and '80s

Marketing Research Class Conducts Survey to Learn Alumni Preferences and Attitudes

Proposals were laid out on the table, and the students in Dr. Hector Iweka's Marketing Research class were professionally dressed and ready to make a presentation to the Alumni Relations and Career Services staff. "I wanted the members of the class to consider themselves actual research consultants who were taking on a project for a client," says Dr. Iweka.

"When I learned that Alumni Relations wanted to develop a database of alumni from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s for the purposes of networking, mentoring, and garnering internships for graduating students, I saw it as a unique connected learning opportunity and as a challenge," he continues. "The database needs to be two-fold — to contain updated business information on Lasell alumni as well as data on how these alumni might be willing to help students. The class was presented with a problem statement and it was up to them to develop a plan."

The proposal that the class presented was carefully thought out and covered background investigation, the research objectives, research methodology, and the means of research reporting. It also



The entire Marketing Research class, Dr. Hector Iweka, and members of the Alumni Relations and Career Services staff.

listed the quantitative and qualitative questions that alumni would be asked.

Lasell Overseer Sharon K. LeVan '66, who is a former Senior Vice President of Marketing at both Estee Lauder and Max Factor, offered to contribute her marketing and consumer research expertise and volunteered to review the survey questions.

"No one has done this before," says Alumni Liaison Patti Beck Bishop '97, "so we don't know what to expect. There will probably be bumps and bruises along the way, but the professionalism of the class impressed us all and we are looking forward to analyzing their results." ♥

Charting Lead-Based Paint Hot Spots

Leadership Class Works with Environmental Protection Agency

"I wanted to involve my sophomore leadership class in a project where they could go into the field, do research, submit their findings and see their results at the end of the semester," says Professor of Environmental Policy Aaron Toffler. "Things fell into place when, through community contacts, I was able to link the class to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a lead-based paint study they were doing in Roxbury."

Early in the semester an EPA program director visited the class to train the group on how to use a visual assessment tool. By filling out a check list, the students were taught how to look at a home to see if it might be a possible hot spot, record their findings, and submit their data to the Geographic Information System (GIS).

"It was an exercise in group leadership," says Professor Toffler. "I wanted to see



Stephen Petrin '11 and Melanie Costa '11 review the data they have collected for the EPA.

how they managed themselves and I knew talking to home owners about the importance of lead paint testing would be a challenge."

"We found that it was easy to delegate among ourselves," recalls Andrew Mayer '11, "but we weren't well received in the neighborhood. We had information

sheets that we handed out, but people were more concerned with drug use and violence than lead paint."

"Going into Roxbury, seeing the reality of how others live, and realizing that their house could be harming them was a rude awakening for me," says Krysten Augello '11. "The majority of the homes we looked at were multi-family, many with three or more families living there. If that house is at risk there are many people who are threatened."

In December, the GIS produced a map that showed the impact of the class's data collection. "It was gratifying to know that because of our efforts the EPA now knows where to focus their resources," says Professor Toffler. 🌱

The Power of Film

Honors Class Addresses Social Issues Through Video



Amanda Erickson '12 shows one of the spoon bracelets that her group designed.

"Think about a social issue that means a lot to you and design a garment or an ornament that is relevant to this cause."

This was the first part of the assignment that Anthropology and Humanities Professor Hortense Gerardo presented to her freshman Honors class titled "Custom, Costume and Culture." The second half was to create a video that showcased the issue.

"I knew I was challenging them. Making a video is not easy. They had to come up with the concept, work cohesively in groups, and understand all the components that go into a

documentary. I held two video technology sessions with the class and we went over story boarding. Then they were on their own. I was impressed not only by the quality of the films that they produced but also by the variety of causes they chose, and the representational pieces that they designed."

"In my group we are all athletes and runners," says Danielle Drapeau '12, "A concern we have is traffic safety at night as we jog. We did some research on bio-luminescence and designed an outfit called 'Lite Gear' that reflects in the dark. We were pleased with the way our outfit turned out but when it came to making the video we discovered that filming at night comes with its own set of problems."

In response to the narrow window of acceptable body types promoted in the fashion industry another group designed a one-size-fits-all skirt. "We thought this truly represented the issue of culture and costume," says Christine Thornton '12. "Girls get the wrong image. They think they have to be super skinny and we thought that if we could design a skirt that was classy and sophisticated and would fit any body type we would show that everyone is beautiful."

"Spoons for Starvation" was the title of another group's project. "We came up with the idea of bending spoons into bracelets," said Amanda Erickson '12. "Food is an issue for so many groups: the homeless, adolescents with eating disorders, people in third world countries who can't get enough food. The sale of our simple silver spoons would be a way to raise money — buy a spoon and give a person a meal."

For the December Symposium, the class's videos were edited into a

50-minute film titled *The Virtual Runway Project*. "The students really came through," exclaims Professor Gerardo. "I edited the projects into six areas: Eco-chic, Poverty and Hunger, Violence, Health Issues, and Body Awareness. The images that the students projected are very powerful and the end result shows how well they worked together in their groups. We raised enough money at the Symposium auction from the pieces they created to make a donation to both the Susan G. Komen Fight to Cure Breast Cancer and Project Bread." 🌱



Christine Thornton '12 demonstrates to Professor Gerardo how her one-size-fits-all skirt works.



Students Seek Inspiration from Lasell Costume Collection Fashion Goes “Green”

One might think of recycling or conserving energy, when they consider Going Green, but in a fashion sense, the term is different.

Lasell fashion students took on their own “green” project this fall based on an exhibit of female fashion presented by Professors Lynn Blake and Jill Carey, at the Boston Public Library during Fashion Week.

The professors chose pieces from Lasell’s Historical Clothing Collection, dating from the Victorian era through the 1980s, that highlighted the symbolic use of green relating to prevailing trends, social modes, and the psychological functions of color. At the conclusion of Fashion Week, the exhibit returned to Lasell and students studying Fashion History used the examples as inspiration for their own interpretation of green. Their final designs were presented at the December Connected Learning Symposium.

“The students were very creative and took some interesting approaches to the green concept,” says Professor Carey. “They were divided into three separate research and design teams and the results were impressive.”



(L to R) Erin Haggerty '10, Nerissa Jackson '11, Meredith Goldstein '11, and Ammar Zakieh '10 created a dress made from hemp/silk bamboo with an historic inspiration from Renaissance detailing and 1950s cocktail dresses.

One design used a light green fabric with eco-conscious bamboo, another used recycled paper and other materials in a yellow design, and a third piece combined a vintage fabric with recycled paper labels in an emerald green color scheme. Each team wrote a written summary of their research, design process, and reflections.

“The focus was to create garments that combined social awareness, cultural creativity and style to promote the impact of recent concerns that support eco-friendly fashion. The project gave the students a chance to explore and blend historical fashion elements with today’s societal characteristics,” says Professor Carey. 🌱

Fashion Students Think Globally Repurposing Pillowcases for African Children

It all started when Professor Anne Valley wanted her visual merchandizing students to join the “green campus” effort. But her idea had a more global reach. “I tried to think of something related to what was going on with repurposing and to do something that was beneficial for others. Then I heard of ‘Little Dresses for Africa,’ a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide relief to children in Central Africa.”

One way to accomplish this is by distributing little dresses to orphan girls in the remote villages of Malawi. The Little Dresses patterns only require a pillowcase.

“I gave the students the instructions and they really embraced the idea,” said Valley. “The students felt they would really be helping somebody. Some students made three, four, or even five dresses. It really worked for a community service project, which is sometimes difficult for fashion merchandising classes,” she added.

The students not only welcomed the idea of making the dresses, but they also volunteered to make a display window in Edwards Hall showcasing the dresses. “I enjoyed working on this very much.



Fashion Merchandising majors Maura Keating '11, Vicky Anson '09, and Brianne Kujawski '11 set up the Little Dresses for Africa display.

I love to create a visually appealing display, and highlighting a good cause made it that much more satisfying,” said Vicky Anson '09, a student in Valley’s class.

The students shipped the dresses to Africa, but the project didn’t stop there. This semester, Valley promoted the project further and collected additional gently worn pillowcases to make more dresses. 🌱

Five Lasell Students enter “Project Mozart”

Boston Symphony Orchestra Sponsors Fashion Design Competition

While classical music fans listened to the soothing strands of Mozart at Boston’s Symphony Hall this February, they were also treated to a visual display of design creations made by fashion students from the area that were inspired by the musician. “Project Mozart” was a fashion design competition sponsored by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and is part of their new initiative called Symphony +, which provides concert-enhancing experiences featuring visual arts, as well as food and literature.

Out of the 11 total student designers chosen from the first round of selection, five were from Lasell. Christian DiPietro '10, Emily Hancock '09, April LeBlanc '09, Charles Neumann '11, and Rheanna Oliver-Palanca '11 each created stunning original designs that were tied to the composer in unique and different ways.

Lasell students first learned of the contest over the January break and

began work immediately. “We opened up the competition to any interested students,” says Fashion Design Professor Lynn Blake. “The entrants produced a statement of how their designs had been inspired by the music of Mozart as well as sketches for a maximum of three original designs.”

“I connected Mozart’s musical style with fashions from this period and used this information in my design piece,” says Emily Hancock. “Specifically this garment is related to Mozart’s composition, “Allegro,” with its light and whimsical sounds that remind me of the playful attitude toward fun and games that were so much a part of the Rococo period.”

Many College faculty, students, and staff attended the last of the three Mozart performances and witnessed with great pride the astounding work of the Lasell contestants. Charles Newman’s dress, a garment that combined a dramatic draped skirt with a beaded corset



Waiting for the judges to announce the winners are Christian DiPietro '10 (partially obscured), the model wearing his creation, April LeBlanc '09, the model wearing her garment, and Charles Neumann '11, and the model wearing his design.

bodice, was chosen by the judges as one of their top three favorites.

“I’ve been working on this every day since New Years,” he smiles.

“Commitment is key and I am very proud of being part of the Lasell team which manifested such an incredible quality of work.” 🌱

Day at Boys' Home in Orizaba Love and Success in Hard Circumstances

Tucked in between the Shoulder to Shoulder Program's first week in Coatepec and its second in Orizaba, the group spends a day at a boys' home that has been run by Friar Jose Maceda Flores since the 1980s. "This is the fourth year we have visited and the home is a true example of community, family, love, and the ability to overcome hardships," says On-Site Coordinator Lydia Pittman.

The boys come from abusive situations, have been abandoned, or are sent there by social service agencies. "Some just show up on the doorstep," explains Lydia.

The home does not receive funding from the church or any non-profit organization. Friar Jose raises money by going to the market on Saturday and Sunday and asking for donations and food. "They are literally living hand to mouth," explains Lydia. "They have so little but they are respectful to each other. They destroy all stereotypes. The home is an example of love and success in dire circumstances."

"I was shocked when we first arrived," says Elementary Education major Molly Donabedian '10. "I thought it would be different and it took me out of my



Friar Jose Maceda Flores pauses with (L to R) Ginelle Gaulin-McKenzie '10, Molly Donabedian '10, Kayla Lee '10 and Rachel Craft '09, who are having fun with a pet rooster.

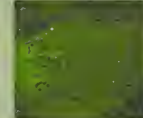
comfort zone. There are 36 boys there and they live in three bedrooms — some just sleep on mattresses. But they are happy and carefree and they made a tremendous effort while we visited."

The Lasell group set to work painting the dining room and the walls of the courtyard but there was plenty of time to just hang out with the boys. "We were all shy at first but we sang songs around the piano and soon everyone was shouting out requests," recalls Molly.

"With little Spanish, it is hard to communicate with the boys," she continues, "but I had a wonderful time with Pablo, who was the youngest. He was fascinated by my digital camera so I taught him how to take pictures and review them. He took the camera and went off for a half hour. It was so refreshing to watch him have such a good time." 🌱

Mexico's Long Lasting Power

by Aida Mejia '07



"Volunteering and community service have always been an important part of my life but Shoulder to Shoulder is really what reaffirmed my passion. I was a senior the year I went to Mexico and I was trying to figure out the direction my career was going. The trip confirmed my decision to enter the non-profit world."

My time in Mexico was two weeks of something I love to do. It's difficult to pinpoint one thing that impacted me the most. The overall welcoming attitude of people we were serving is definitely something that has never left me. They were thankful regardless of how big or small our help was. And I think that's very symbolic of what community service is all about — you give what you can and hope it makes a difference for someone.



One of Aida Mejia '07's happiest Shoulder to Shoulder memories is being surrounded by smiling children.

One special moment that I hold close to my heart is my 22nd birthday which happened during the trip. I remember being on the work site sweaty and covered in dirt, when a group of about ten children from the elementary school we'd visited earlier surprised me by singing "Happy Birthday" in Spanish. To this day that is the best birthday present I've ever received.

I am now in Washington D.C. working for Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization that brings financial literacy and economics education programs to schools for grades K-12. Working on the development side is certainly different than what I experienced while in Mexico, but the relevance is still there. If Lasell extended the Shoulder to Shoulder trip to alumni, I guarantee I would be the first in line to sign up." 🌱

Coatepec Reflections

By Aaron Toffler, Associate Professor of Environmental Policy

This past January, I was fortunate enough to have been invited to participate in Lasell's International Service Learning trip to Coatepec, Mexico. I was asked to join the group because I am interested in starting such a program next year in Ecuador and needed to "learn the ropes."

Working with the College's non-profit partners in Coatepec and alongside community members, our Lasell contingent was there to build (or start to build) a home for one of the residents of the community. The work was grueling (this was not your typical Spring Break trip), but Lasell students did it with great dedication and no complaint. None of us had any experience with this type of work; we simply followed the lead of the community-members who knew what they were doing.

As a practicing lawyer who has spent the majority of my career working with low-income communities to solve environmental problems, it felt familiar

to be following the lead of the locals in addressing the needs of their community. We were not there to be the "saviors" from the States, but rather to assist community members to achieve the goals that they had arrived at on their own and, hopefully, to learn something in the process. The same holds true in working with "environmental justice" communities in this country. People from outside the community can offer assistance, but the local population is the expert in what problems need to be addressed and what is the best way to address them. Indeed, this is the only way to do effective community work.

So, what did I learn in Mexico? I learned that Lasell has a robust International Service learning program that adds great value to a Lasell education. I learned that students and faculty who participate in these programs are forever enriched and changed by the experience. I learned the right proportion of sand, water and cement mix required to produce the



Professor Aaron Toffler and Molly Donabedian '10 take a short break from their construction work.

perfect cement. I learned home remedies for asthma and muscle pain. I learned about the economics of the coffee and sugar cane industries. And I learned that International Service learning programs leave a more lasting impression on the visiting students and professors than on the host community. I know it is an experience that I will not soon forget. 🌱

Lasell's Links to Habitat for Humanity Grow

Pitching In Honors Class Works on Vineyard

"We got blisters, mosquito bites, and sore arms and backs," laughs Pearlle Aviles '11. "But seeing what we had done in a short amount of time was a great feeling."

Pearlie was one of 18 students in Mathematics Professor Neil Hatem's Honors 205 class that traveled to Martha's Vineyard to work at the Long Point Reservation and for Habitat for Humanity. They were joined by Amy Greene, the student program coordinator for Lasell's Center for Community-Based Learning.

"The focus of the class is leadership and the skills and responsibilities that come with it," explains Professor Hatem. "The trip to the Vineyard gave the group the opportunity to work as a unit towards a common goal while providing a service to a community."

The students climbed aboard the ferry on Friday morning and headed to the Long Point Reservation. They were put to work raking, digging, and doing restoration projects and, as they put

their backs into it, their inhibitions as a group began to disappear.

"It's hard to know what to expect when you take a group of students and put them to work together," says Johanna Heeren '11. "I got to know people better and I think everyone was very open and accepting of everyone else. We didn't really have to try and include people because we all just kind of came together."

On Saturday, the group got up early and headed to a Habitat for Humanity house. Foam core and insulation were the materials of the day. "I didn't really think that I would be capable of helping, and thought I might get in the way," confesses Sam Marquis '11. "But we were taught exactly what to do and I soon realized that I could be a big help."

It was dirty and difficult but the group was undaunted. "It was the highlight of my weekend — scrapes, bruises, caulking and all," says Danielle Gilfillan '11. "Anything that won't come off my clothes just shows the work I put in."



Ready to work are (Front row, L to R) Pearlle Aviles '11, Ally Fox '11, Kerith Seitsinger '11, Professor Neil Hatem, Sam Marquis '11, Bri Kujawski '11, Emilie Boucher '11, Kaley Maguire '11. (Back row, L to R) Neil Greene, April McGrath '11, Sarah Meyers '11, Student Program Coordinator Amy Greene, Janice Cooper '11, Kelly Silvia '11, Bob Miola '11, Johanna Heeren '11, Danielle Cote '11, Stephanie Ballou '11, Kyle Hermenegildo '11, Danielle Gilfillan '11, Heather Chalone '11.

The husband of the young couple who would be living in the house was there, working alongside the students. "I loved that we got to meet at least part of the family that was moving in. It made it seem more real and we all got right into the job and everyone worked together," says April McGrath '11. "We all knew we had a common goal and we worked

hard. The trip influenced me to continue to do community service in the future."

Community Connection Students Work at Habitat's First House in Newton

"It's Build Day!" exclaimed Michelle Krasodonski '10.

She and six other Lasell students (Ginelle Gaulin-McKenzie '10, Seth Mantie '10, Meghan Rosin '10, Lindsey Barrows '11, Erica Zompa '09 and Andrew Cass '10), Student Program Coordinator for the Center for Community-Based Learning Amy Greene, and Americorps*Vista volunteer Nyndai Diligent '08 were the team that headed to Newton's first Habitat for Humanity project. "We're not experienced builders, but we're willing to learn and ready to pitch in," says Michelle.



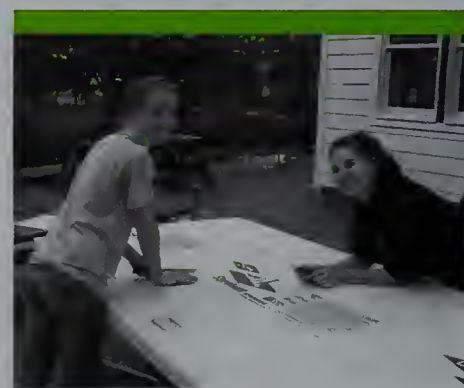
Andrew Cass '10 holds the grey board in place while Erica Zompa '09 drills.

Habitat contacted Amy Greene who posted the opportunity on myLasell. "Michelle called me immediately and spearheaded our effort. She chose the December date and, with the help of Meghan Rosin, fundraised for the project, including the profitable sale of holiday cards," recalls Amy.

Upon arriving at the two-family house, the group was assigned the task of putting sheetrock up on the second floor's ceiling. "I think we spent most of our time with our hands over our heads," laughs Ginelle. "But before we got that far we had to measure the sheets exactly so they would fit. The math side of our brains were just as important as our muscles."

The group worked tirelessly and was undaunted by the cold December day. "The students came from different corners of the College," says Amy. "They all didn't know each other when they started but they enjoyed being part of the team. The fact that they gave up their time during exam period really says something about their dedication to community service."

"We were pleased that we were able to finish the ceiling by the end of the day," says Seth. "Habitat hopes to complete the house by spring and it was satisfying to be able to help the families that will be moving to our Newton neighborhood."



Samantha Marquis '11 and Kerith Seitsinger '11 prepare to cut foam core.



Taking a break during a cold day of hard work are (seated) Lindsey Barrows '11, Student Program Coordinator Amy Greene, Vista volunteer Nyndai Diligent '08, Erica Zompa '09 and (standing) Andrew Cass '10, Meghan Rosin '10, Ginelle Gaulin-McKenzie '10, Seth Mantie '10. (Missing: Michelle Krasodonski '10).

Bringing Joy to Sandra's Lodge

Homeless Mothers-To-Be Showered with Gifts

The pile of presents was huge and the room was decorated with streamers and balloons. Thanks to the efforts of 10 dedicated and enthusiastic students, eight expectant mothers at Sandra's Lodge, an emergency intake family shelter that provides temporary housing for homeless single mothers and their families, were treated to a fun-filled baby shower.

Many of the students who participated took it on as their Introduction to Human Services or First Year Seminar service project. The group issued a campus-wide call for donations and it brought in more clothes and baby products than expected. "We had so much that we put aside some for next semester, when we'd like to throw another shower," says Erin Ingleton '12, who was a driving force behind the event.

The Lasell volunteers spent the day before the event baking brownies, preparing cards, and assembling the gift baskets. "We were worried that the women would hesitate to take the donations," says Erin. "But, they were thrilled. We got a thank you note from



Holding gift bags for the mothers are (L to R) Student Program Coordinator Amy Greene, Colleen McCleary '12, Rose Craige '12, Jennifer Mulloy '12, Brynn Potter '12, Jenna-Lynn Geary '12, Allyson Murray '11, Elizabeth Allen '12, Erin Ingleton '12, Victoria Sokoly '12, and Americorps* Vista Volunteer Nyndia Diligent '08 (missing Nicole Mello '12).

a mother saying how grateful she was. She said she knew that if it had not been for Lasell, she never would have had a shower.

"I don't think the women were expecting such a big party. It made us all feel good to be able to start them off with a little nest egg. I've never done

anything like this before and now I'm hooked. The mothers' smiles were infectious." 🌟

Students Brave 30 Degree Temperatures

Sleep-Out Raises Awareness about Homelessness

By Seth Mantie '10

Before Lasell's November Sleep-Out, I felt I knew a lot about homelessness. However, after spending the entire night outside in the 30 degree cold with Dave Walsh '10, Rose Craige '12, Colleen McCleary '12, Mike Isherwood '12, Sally Jean-Baptiste '12, and Student Program Director Amy Greene, and supported by approximately 50 other students who stopped by, I realized that I knew very little.

I can rattle off statistics: most homeless people aren't in this situation because they're lazy or on drugs; 40 percent of homeless men are veterans; 25 percent of homeless people have a job. But as I laid on the grass under the full moon, I realized that I really didn't understand the half of it.

We came bundled up with many layers of clothing, a couple of blankets and sleeping bags — all luxuries that the homeless don't have. We could also call

it quits at any point and sleep inside. We could take a break to use the restroom or get hot drinks, and we each had more clothes to keep us warm than five homeless people combined. Still, we were on the edge of suffering at times. It was impossible to actually fall asleep properly in such cold and I personally was excruciatingly uncomfortable while wrapped in a blanket with two layers on.

Consider that we did this only for one night and there are people who do this year-round — 3.5 million people each day in America — on nights when it's five degrees below zero and on nights when it's 95 degrees and humid. These people have no roof over their heads when it's raining in the spring, snowing in the winter, and thundering in the summer. They have it harder than I ever imagined, and one night in the cold has only barely helped me start to understand that.



Christine Malcom '11, Jen Bou-Nasiff '11, Ben Stewart '10, and Brittany Grenier '11 are wrapped up against the cold during the Sleep-Out.

The issue of homelessness isn't one that affects just urban or poor communities. There are homeless people who live in Auburndale and, if you visit the Newton Food Pantry, there are often hundreds of

homeless people lined up in hopes of finding some food. Homelessness is really *that close* to Lasell. I invite and encourage everyone to get involved with raising awareness about this issue. 🌟

Event Helps Bring Understanding Domestic Violence Awareness Week



A student pauses and contemplates at the Silent Witness Display.

"Bearing Witness to Violence" was what the week was all about and the impact of the speakers, the exhibit of shirts from the Clothesline Project, the Silent Witness Display, and the Candlelight Vigil reverberated throughout the campus.

For several days, shirts from the Clothesline Project hung in the Edwards Student Center. This is a visual display of shirts designed by the survivors of violence or by someone whose loved one is a survivor of violence. Many students volunteered their time to sit at a table by the exhibit and explain what the project represents and asked students to sign a pledge against domestic violence.

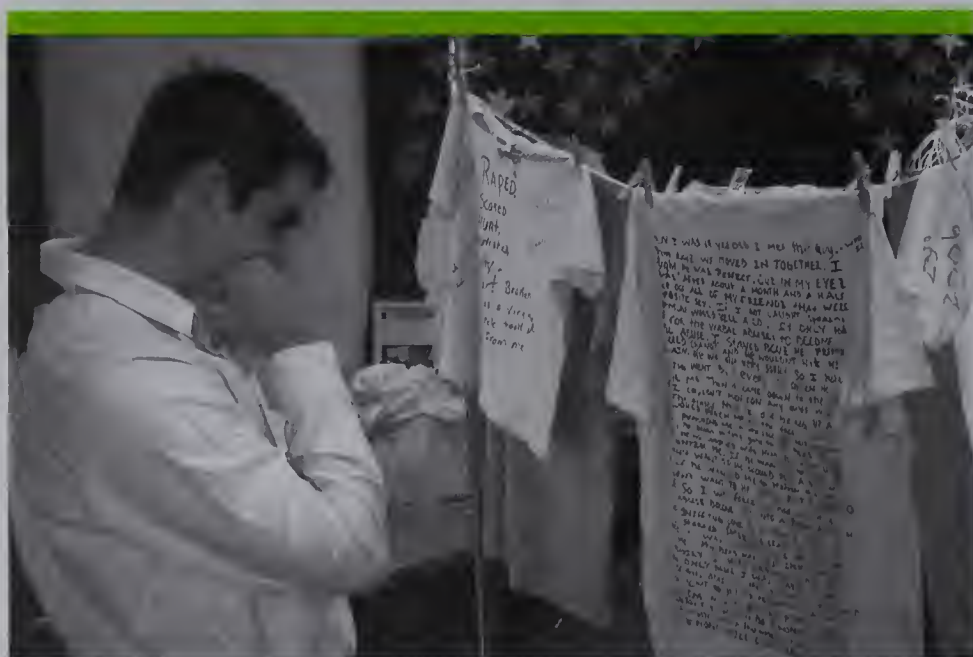
"It was important to me on a personal level," says Rose Craige '12, who manned the table several times. "I have seen the effects of domestic violence and I wanted to explain to people how we can help."

"We had 250+ students sign the pledge and several students made their own tee shirts which were then hung on the Clothesline," says Health Educator/Counselor Kaitlin DeLucia. "I want to thank the faculty, particularly Professor Linda Bucci, the peer health educators program from the Health Education Office, and the many, many student volunteers who helped to bring understanding of this issue to campus."

Two outside speakers addressed the College: Erin Miller, the Domestic Violence Coordinator at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and "Jane Doe," a survivor of domestic violence. "It's about power and control," said Ms. Miller. "It doesn't have to be physical. Often it's emotional button pushing and, unfortunately, we can tend to blame the victim."

The Silent Witness Display was exhibited in the Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center. Life-sized red figures, each with the name and story of a woman or child whose life ended violently, were placed throughout the Wedeman Gallery. "It was moving to see student reactions and to hear the silent communion that occurred as students filtered through," says Barbara Asinger, director of the Center for Spiritual Life.

"At the Candlelight Vigil," she continues, "I felt that humanizing victims by reading their stories and attaching both a name, age, and their circumstances helped us all to remember that before someone is a victim of abuse, domestic violence, or violence in general, they had a life — one that we need to honor and learn from as individuals and as a community."



Geoff Siracusa, Residential Life Area Coordinator and co-advisor to the Peer Health Educators, absorbs the moving message written on a Clothesline tee shirt.

Widening My Circle: Interning in Manhattan

By Laura Notarangelo '09

The much anticipated spring semester of one's senior year in college is a time for wrapping things up, thinking ahead — and relocating?

In January, I moved into my new residence in Manhattan's Upper East Side where I'll be living until the end of April. I took a leave of absence from Lasell to complete Marist College's New York Media Experience Program. In addition to taking two online courses and an internship seminar of sorts, during the week I intern in the Fashion and Beauty department at *Family Circle* magazine.

My department consists of five other women whom I assist on a variety of tasks, including the typical intern duties. Every Tuesday morning I sit in on the staff meetings and hear about the progress of stories for upcoming issues. I've witnessed how everyone's responsibilities in each department play a role in getting the magazine shipped to print on time.

A few weeks ago there was a crazed day when I kept more than 60 models moving through my office during a casting call. I've also worked on a photo shoot for a "Neutrals" fashion spread where I steamed countless garments. However, my main duties are to keep the fashion and beauty closets organized, and the amount of merchandise that flows through each can be overwhelming.

We recently finished working on an affordable spring trends spread that featured the maxi dress, stripes and graphic prints, kimono style shirts, and brush stroke designs. Now I'm working on returning all of these items because racks of bathing suits are taking over the closet. In addition to the clothes, there are shoes, bags, belts, and jewelry waiting for me to label. Plus, all the new beauty products and makeup — I'm a product junkie and love categorizing the latest moisturizers, shampoos, conditioners, new spring colors of nail polish, etc.

I work closest with the Beauty & Fashion Assistant, and often I get to sit in on her desk sides with her. We listen to the product pitches and see how the sales representatives hope to get their merchandise into *Family Circle*. I've heard talks on products to



Laura Notarangelo '09.

regrow thinning hair, tame curly hair, and mouthwash that'll keep your breath fresh for twelve hours (this sample I got to take home.)

This internship has given me invaluable experience to see if I'd like to work at a magazine after graduation and has confirmed that I would. Now that I've had the opportunity to see all the fine details that go into each piece published by the Fashion & Beauty department, I can envision myself working on larger tasks such as writing the feature stories, getting to meet with public relations companies, and attending special events (fashion shows especially!) In the future, I'd like to work more directly with content that will appear on the pages of the magazine. *Family Circle* has quite a small staff where everyone interacts with one another, and I hope to work in a similar friendly environment. One evening after work I saw our Managing Editor at the grocery store and didn't hesitate to go over and say hello!

If I had a dollar for every time someone said to me, "*Just like The Devil Wears Prada!*" in response to what I do at my internship, I'd be buying all my groceries at Dean & DeLuca by now. I haven't gotten free clothes, but I did score a pair of tights when I ripped the ones I was wearing. I guess working in the Fashion department does have its perks!

Class Notes

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1930's

1938

Myrtle Sylvester Ensor celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary in November. She and her husband moved into a retirement home in Orleans, MA.

1939

"I was disappointed that there was no news from our class in the last issue of *Leaves*," writes **Jeanne Daniels Wheeler**. "I know we are old but I am sure that those of us still around, have never forgotten Lasell and the lessons we learned there — not just from books." Jeanne sadly reports that her husband has been in a nursing home for over two years.

An update from **Elizabeth Pfeiffer Fiske**: "It is a long time since we graduated. I turned 90 in March 2008. I have lived in senior housing in Champlain, NY for 25 years. I have three children, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren."

1940's

1940

Caroline Williamson Taylor who lives in Alabama writes, "I took a trip to Illinois."

1944

An update from **Priscilla Amnott Tindley**: "I have been living in Gainesville, FL for 20 years. I am still active and have a variety of interests. I go walking every day." Priscilla was married to her husband for 56 years. He died in 2005. She has three grown children, all who own their own businesses.

Our sincere condolences to **Grace Crossland Spurr** on the death of her husband. Grace writes, "I am now a resident of the beautiful Gables of Farmington, CT. It is only 15 minutes from my sister and niece. My closest friend from Lasell, **Janet Dean Hannula**, and I are in constant touch. It is fun talking over all the good times we had at Lasell and while living in Boston."

1945

Our sincere condolences to **Marilyn McNie Middlebrook** on the death of her husband, Bill.

1947

In October, **Evelyn Barney Webster** and her husband drove from California to Maine to enjoy a wonderful visit with **Doris Smith Cleland**.

1948

From Honolulu, **Honey Markham Wedeman** writes, "Thea Chung Lang '47 was the only other girl from Hawaii when I was at Lasell, and we became friends. When Thea read about my husband's death in *Leaves*, she contacted me. We renewed our friendship after 61 years!"

1949

According to *The Gardner News*, **Eeva Laitinen Stromski** "has a variety of interests, jobs, and volunteer endeavors in her life." Eeva admits to being a perpetual student. She is also a frequent traveler. She volunteers at the Heywood Hospital and is a docent at The Gardner Museum. One of her greatest interests is being a theatre backstage dresser, responsible for props and getting costumes in order. She spends whatever free time she has managing her home, garden, and solving crossword puzzles.

From Daytona Beach, FL, **Joan Wolfe Wickham** writes, "We visit **Gene Starrett Anderson** and her husband each year in Cohasset, MA. We have been dear friends for almost 60 years."

1950's

1953

"So much has happened since my graduation," admits **Mary Potter Flint Page**. "I was married twice and am now happily single. After retirement as chief of children's medical services for a program that provided specialty clinics and funding for handicapped children, I moved back to Gloucester, MA and legally changed my last name to Page, in honor of my grandparents who were instrumental in raising me." Regarding Lasell, Mary says, "I have fond memories of Woodland and Briggs and send my best to all my friends from 1951-53."

Our sincere condolences to **Althea Janke Gardner** on the death of her husband, Harry, in October.

Class of 1953



Seven classmates from the Class of 1953 attended the Cape Cod reception at The Club at Yarmouthport on Sunday, September 14, 2008. Standing (L to R) Shirley Vara Gallerani, Jeanette Roberts Mann, Audrey Thompson Rielle, Donna Ross Hurley and June Martin Godfrey. Seated (L to R) Janet Gleason Nolan and Mary Blackham Williamson.

Class of 1955



Classmates **Joy Stewart Rice**, **Gigi Harold**, and **Lucinda Nolin Johnson** reminisced at the Cape Cod event in September which Lucinda hosted.

1955

Bobbie Jennings was honored at the swearing-in ceremony and reception for the new commodores at her yacht club in Honolulu. She received the coveted "Member of the Year" trophy. She says,

"What a shock. So many club members do volunteer work and deserve recognition, but I was indeed thrilled to be honored."

Class Notes

Class of 1955



A small group of '55 graduates recently got together for a luncheon and they had a wonderful time reminiscing about their Lasell years. They hope to make this a regular event with more alumni joining them. (L to R) Helen LeFavre Russo, Beverly Kimball Lamburn, Millie Monahan Regan, Terry Brossi Ciarcia, Ann Harris Hughes, Standing: Jean Mills Einarson.

Class of 1957



Audrey MacAdam Lowe hosted a week-long mini reunion for the Class of '57 at her home in Freeport, ME. (L to R) Muriel Hagerthy Meyer, Gloria Guiduli, Audrey MacAdam Lowe, Millie Berg Cunningham and Paula Ristau Trespas.

1956

The South Carolina Storytelling Guild ran this quote about Myrna Green McKee: "Myrna is a transplanted Yankee Jewish American Princess who has lived in the south for almost 30 years. Known as a published journalist, syndicated columnist, and comedic storyteller for mature audiences, she has visited 23 foreign countries and 31 states with a knapsack on her back. Her talent was developed by the comedians of the famous "Borcht Belt" as she provides comedy routines that relate to today."

Our sincere condolences to Mary Parmakian Bauer on the death of her husband in April 2008.

1957

An update from Barbara Tounge Giles: "I am so sorry that I have not been in touch for so many years but I have thought of Lasell quite a lot lately. My medical secretarial course at Lasell was a true blessing to me because of all the hospital work I did over the years. I finished my career in 2000 in Maine. I have two children and seven grandchildren, including a set of twins."

Class of 1958



Former roommates at Lasell, Bonnie Beckwith Morrison and Beverly Bearse Sowerby took the alumni sponsored trip to Ireland in Fall 2008. They traveled with alumni from five other Massachusetts colleges. The trip took them to such places as Bunratty Castle, the Burren, the beautiful cliffs of Moher and the Aran Islands. Bonnie had this to say, "We had a great time. And whenever I get to spend time with Beverly it is a huge bonus as Beverly had a heart transplant 18 years ago."

1960's

1961

Caroline Heck Crane emails, "I found Susan Clark Stern's email address from the online community. We are having fun getting reconnected after 48 years."

1962

From Stoughton, MA, Elaine Sanderson Henriksen writes, "I have been a widow for the past five years and am now retired from a long and satisfying career in Human Resources Management. My life is busy with several volunteer projects and productive hobbies."

1964

Congratulations to Marsha Keyes Tucker on the birth of her grandson.

1966

Our sincere condolences to Barbara Caron MacLean on the death of her father and to Marsha Howe Neubert on the death of her husband in November 2007.

1968

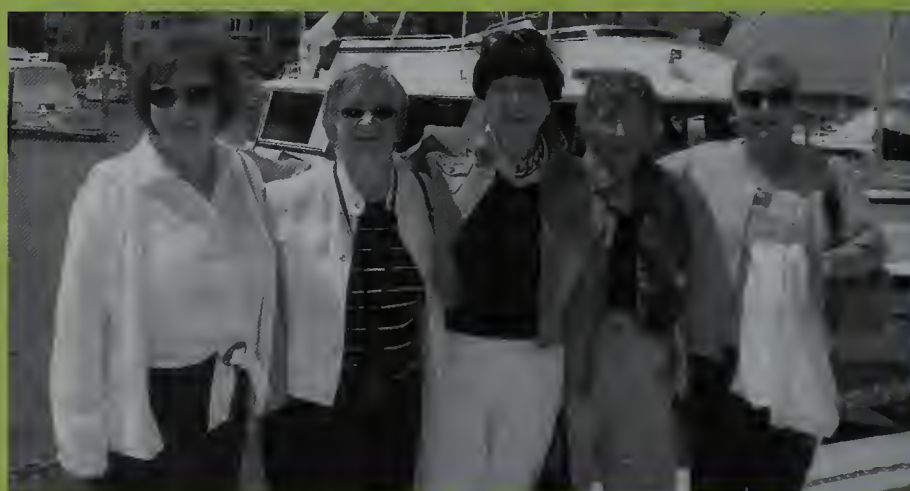
Roberta Stott Underwood writes, "I am happily married, and we're both happily retired. We have two granddaughters who we love."

1969

Our sincere condolences to Jackie Dubin Foster on the death of her mom, Freda Reck Dubin '44, in August. In a letter to the Alumni Office, Jackie writes, "My mom loved her years at Lasell and because of her love and memories, Lasell became my school too. In May 2009 we would have celebrated our 65th and 40th reunions together. I graduated on the exact day as my mother did, just 25 years later. Lasell was always near and dear to her heart and mine too."

Marie Fratoni writes, "Life in Atlanta is wonderful. Business is booming and my family is good and busy."

Class of 1962



Five graduates from the Class of '62 have recently been getting together to renew old Lasell friendships. "It has been a wonderful experience." Their reunions so far have taken place in Beaufort, SC, Hilton Head, Savannah, and Maine. Some of the reunion highlights include walks on the beach, lobster, and a great martini bar. The next destination is Washington, DC. The women agree they are making up for lost time. (L to R) Marilyn Richo Coffey, Sally Nutter Carpenter, Pat McNulty Magnotta, Marla Lupoli Lewis, Ingrid Jonason Burch.

Class of 1966



A long overdue lunch. Last summer, three alums from the Class of '66 who lived together in Gardner and Ordway got together for lunch in Rockport, MA. They had not seen each other for 42 years. (L to R) Linda Condikey Ritchie, Massachusetts; Marcia Moore Reed, Indiana. Linda Hohwieler Carpenter, Virginia.

Class Notes

Class of 1966



Seven best friends from Draper House '66 gathered in September in Sun Valley, Idaho for a mini-reunion. These friends have been getting together for the past several years to share memories, laughter, and precious time. (L to R) Susan Zele Buxbaum, Judy Locke Lorenzo '67, Nancy Palmer Brandston, Carolyn Graham Romy, Gail MacLean Wilburn, Susan Roberts Richey '67, and Sandra Shadle Marsilius.

1970's

1971

Kathy Lockwood Benson retired in 2006 and moved to Canandaigua Lake, NY with her husband of 28 years. Kathy has a daughter and son.

1978

Donna Kelly-Williams is a candidate for Vice President, Labor for the Massachusetts Nurses Association. She states, "I am a direct care staff nurse board-certified in pediatrics. I am awestruck by the dedication of nurses to their patients, and would strive to have the same dedication and respect extended nurse to nurse and to each individual nurses' specialty within the profession."

In June 2008 after six years of study, Sheree Loftus Fader successfully defended her Ph.D. proposal in nursing at the University of Massachusetts. She writes, "For the past 14 years I have worked in neurology at the Beth Israel Medical Center in NYC and will continue to do so." Sheree lives in Pleasantville, NY with her husband and son.

1979

"I would like to say hello to fellow classmates of 1979. Let's all try to make it to reunion," prompts Kathy Blawie Williams. Kathy and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary this year and sent their first son off to college. She is looking forward to being back on campus in May.

1980's

1982

Margaret Cassello Bennett is a real estate broker and appraiser with Cassello Real Estate in Wallingford, CT. She has been a full-time realtor for nearly 20 years.

1986

Jennifer Leonard Hahn is married, has three children, and lives in New Jersey. She is an artist, and her work can be viewed at www.jenniferleighleonard.com. Jennifer says, "I would love to get in touch with my classmates."

1987

Wendy Tarfano is still working for Retail Brand Alliance, the parent company of Brooks Brothers. Within the organization, Wendy has moved to the business side of technology focusing on customer experience and cross channel solution strategies. In 2008, Wendy joined the Lasell College fashion advisory board.

1990's

1995

Andrea Kneeland Bradstreet is the mother of three — Keira-Elizabeth, Adam, and Colin.

1998

From Honolulu, Heather Bohn Harada sends an update: "I just got hired at the 17th best company to work for in Honolulu — the telephone company. We renewed our lease for another six months so we are not going anywhere. My daughter, Lilly, celebrated her fifth birthday in November."

1999

"I am working at Mass General Hospital as a Patient Discharge/Transport Aide. I am also contemplating going back to school to become a Medical Assistant," writes Julie McLaughlin.

2000's

2002

An update from Emily Usher Pacheco: "I am working as a kindergarten teacher at the same school I went to as a child. I married my husband in 2006, and we have a son, Lucas. He is a joy and a blessing."

2003

Head boys' basketball coach at Lyman Hall in Wallingford, CT Mike Conner pondered his career choices. Mike admits, "At the end of the season several collegiate and high school programs approached me about coaching positions. I decided to stay at Lyman Hall because the bond with my players was too strong to break."

"I work for Montefiore Medical Center in the NY metro area as a Project Management Coordinator. I also model and design clothing for special occasions," writes Jenn Edwards.

Kristine Mohan de Paula started her own granite company in Tewksbury, MA called RSK Marble and Granite. It has been established for just over three years."

Antonia Mariani '03/MSM '04 joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Botswana.

2004

An update from Crystal Crafts Rivera: "My husband and I are happily settled in Iowa in our first home. Our daughter, Lola, is now 17 months. Wow time flies! Maybe she'll attend Lasell someday."

Courtney Hamilton Hizey and her husband are moving to Raleigh, NC. Courtney completed an M.Ed. degree in Administration and Supervision and accepted a position as Director of a Raleigh area preschool. She says, "We will miss Boston but are extremely excited for this opportunity. If anyone is in the area, please come visit, Courtney.Hamilton.82@gmail.com."

Andrea Kimball Roman and her husband reside "in our new house in New Hampshire." Their wedding took place in October. Members of the wedding party included Andrea's former roommate, Rebecca Christopher '05, Siobhan Smith Stoney '01, and Jennifer Bauchman.

Amber King Bazdar is the new president of the Manchester Mothers' Club. She is a stay-at-home mom with her son, Benjamin. Amber is also a visual merchandiser for retail companies in the New England area. She and her family live in Rockport, MA.

Jennifer Pope '04/MSM '08 is working full-time. She spends her nights working on the prerequisites to get into Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Class of 1971



Four Vista House friends have been getting together at least twice a year for a mini reunion in either New England or North Carolina. In October, their visit took place in western Massachusetts. They would love to include other former Vista House friends at their reunions. (L to R) Jane Kleinhenz McCarthy, Kathy Barry Freme, Robin Briggs Newlin, Marie Errico Ward.

Class of 1972



Recognizing 35 years of service to Lasell College, Jeanne Johnsen received a Lasell Chair at the Annual Employee Recognition Breakfast in September.

Class Notes

2005

An update from Chantel Daley '05/MSM '07: "I am working part-time. I have my own business, Designs by Deneen, www.designsbydeneen.com, where I design and make my own jewelry. I am also an independent sales representative for Beijo Bags, www.bejobags.com. I travel as often as I can as it is my favorite thing to do. Otherwise, I am looking for a good full-time job with health benefits."

In December, Keith Tower and Ryan Morell '04 organized a pub crawl in Waltham to raise money for Kiernan Komarinetz '07 who was diagnosed with cancer. Keith reported, "We had well over 100 people show up throughout the day with most of them being Lasell grads. Through donations and a raffle we handed over \$4,000 to Kiernan's family."

2006

Erica Bailey earned her Master's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation and Child Life from Springfield College in Springfield, MA. She was the commencement speaker at her May 2008 graduation. Erica has accepted a child life specialist position at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

Elizabeth Landon is a special education teacher at the Center School in Litchfield, CT. Elizabeth recently completed a Masters of Education/Special Education from Springfield College. She admits, "I have numerous teachers in my extended family so teaching is in my blood."

Matt Lane began as an intern for the Celtics in the second semester of his senior year at Lasell. After graduating he was offered an inside sales position that was only guaranteed for one season. Matt says, "The Celtics like to hire from within, and observing the skills of interns is a way that they look for future employees. If you show enthusiasm and a strong work ethic you will have a better chance of being hired." In the summer of 2007, Matt was hired as a full-time account executive in the Celtics Ticket Sales Department. He is in charge of selling season tickets and luxury suites for the Celtics.

Kelley Monahan is a marketing specialist for Atlantic Pest Solution in Maine. She is pursuing an MBA at Southern New Hampshire University.

Fashion Expose 2008, the final chapter of Boston Fashion Week, held on September 19 at the Taj Hotel in Boston, featured Sparkle Thames' collection entitled, Hidden Jewel. Her collection is described in the following manner: "It combines love for boned, constructed bodices with the bright jewel tone hues of the peacock to create a women's wear line that is fun, vibrant, and suitable for many different occasions. From casual, to work, to formal, the garments in this collection can be dressed up or down to take you wherever one needs to go."

Classes of 2006 and 2007



(L to R) Jackie Motyl '07 and Linda Williams '06 pause at the side of the field. Missing from photo but present to play was Jen Kreutzberg '06.

2007

Shannon Garvey works with children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disorders at The May Institute in Randolph, MA. She was accepted into the Applied Behavioral Analysis Master's program at Northeastern University and began in September.

Sean McCullen is an admission counselor at Lasell College.

Our sincere condolences to Chris Roy on the death of his father in October.

Tabatha Torres headed the team of 36 volunteers who raked leaves for seven hours on a blustery Saturday in November to raise money to support basic education for 13 children in Mexico.

Classes of 2007 and 2008



Alumni field hockey players returned to Lasell College for Family, Friends, and Alumni weekend to play some field hockey. (L to R) Kristina Gorski '08, Jackie Motyl '07, Justine Langdon '07, Jackie Janda '08, Rachael Johnson '08.

2008

After graduating in May, Vinnie Allard joined the practice of Munroe & Associates at Ameriprise Financial in Wellesley. He says, "We provide personalized financial planning and asset management for our clients and so far, given all of the volatility in the markets, it has made the start of my career very interesting."

Rachael Johnson has been named assistant field hockey coach at Bentley University. This past summer, Rachael was camp director for a field hockey camp for girls in grades 5-12 that was sponsored by Litchfield, MA Parks and Recreation Department.

Josh Montinieri is an account executive for the High Desert Mavericks in Adelanto, CA.

Marian Salama was one of 36 volunteers who raked leaves for seven hours on a blustery Saturday in November to raise money to support basic education for 13 children in Mexico. She is currently employed as a receptionist in the Admission Office of Newbury College. She is also enrolled in the Master's program in Higher Education Administration at Northeastern University.

Class Notes for Master's Degree Recipients

2004

Antonia Mariani - see 2003

2006

Laura Thibodeau has been named assistant field hockey coach at Bentley University.

2007

Chantel Daley - see 2005

2008

Jennifer Pope - see 2004

Future Alumni Events

If you are interested in sponsoring or helping to organize an alumni event in the future, please contact:

Alumni Relations Office
1844 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02466-2716
617-243-2139 or
alumni@lasell.edu

Are You Connected?

Have friends urged you to try Facebook? Or Linked In? Have you been reluctant to try? Or, have you been afraid to ask what Web 2.0 is?

Fear no more. Lasell's Alumni Relations Office has made it easy for you to explore these social media sites in the company of friends.

Log in or sign in to Facebook (www.facebook.com) and then search for Lasell Alumni to connect with Lasell Alumni friends or learn about the latest alumni events. Lasell's Linked-In alumni page will help you maintain professional contacts. Simply visit Linked-In (www.linkedin.com) sign in or log in and then search for Lasell Alumni in groups.

And, if you are still not ready to try these social media sites, then don't forget about the Lasell Online Community (www.lasellalumni.org) where you can always find out what is happening on and off campus and the benefits that are available for alums.

We hope to see you there!

The Alumni Relations Team

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Engagements

Hillary Roth '72 to Bruce Goemaat
 Kimberly Lawton '94 to Michael Keith
 Adrienne Cioffi '00 to Gregory Anthony
 Katie Speranza '00 to Geoff Brown
 Meredith Brady '04 to John Shaw
 Katelyn MacIlvane '04 to James Craig
 Tracey Maloney '04 to Frank Michienzi
 Jennifer Cronin '05 to
 Dr. Matthew Martinez
 Robert Cedrone '06 to Alexis Demas
 Tricia Canavan '08 to Andrew Cornell

Marriages

Patricia Graff Willoughby '58 to
 Tom Suydam on September 13, 2008
 David DiPerri '02 to Anushka Ali '03
 on March 15, 2008
 Emily Usher '02 to Peter Pacheco
 in 2006
 Anushka Ali '03 to David DiPerri '02
 on March 15, 2008
 Crystal Crafts '04 to Gabriel Rivera
 on May 19, 2006
 Andrea Kimball '04 to Joshua Roman
 on October 4, 2008
 Thi Lam '05 to Jeremy Sanborn '05
 on September 27, 2008

Births

Andrea Kneeland Bradstreet '95, a son,
 Colin Frances, on September 19, 2006
 Emily Usher Pacheco '02, a son, Lucas,
 on March 20, 2008

Deaths

Jane Hupman Preston '31
 on August 15, 2008
 Ruth Winslow Neulieb '31
 Hazel Kelly Swartwout '32
 on July 23, 2008
 Barbara Stover Van De Bogert '33
 on December 19, 2008
 Emeline Walker Fatherley '33
 on January 3, 2009
 Katherine Argersinger Scheiner '35
 Barbara Briggs Stanton '35
 Esther Joslyn Gross '35
 on August 5, 2008
 S. Margaret MacNaughton
 Dockstader '35 on November 5, 2008
 Margaret Pearl Ide '36
 on July 21, 2008
 Anne Campbell Terrill '37
 on March 9, 2008
 Prudence Crandall Randall '37
 on November 6, 2008
 Edythe Cummings Mileikis '37
 on January 24, 2009
 Janice Rogers Wilson '39
 on August 9, 2008
 Marian Traxler Crum '39
 on October 8, 2008
 Ruth Waldron Anderson '39
 Jayne Jewett Woodward '40
 on November 22, 2008
 H. Virginia Swan Davison '40
 in July 2007
 Mary Doig Nicholson '41
 on December 4, 2008
 Helen Otowchitz Andruskiewicz '41
 on July 10, 2000
 Elizabeth Pfeiffer Tatem '41
 in March 2002
 Joan McCraw Davies '42
 on September 6, 2008
 Jeanne Nestler Dart '42
 on June 12, 2008
 Priscilla Richardson Morrill '42
 on November 22, 2008

Blandine Robbins Molyneux '42
 Mary Chamberlin Skinder '43
 on March 14, 2008
 Clarice Lothrop Davin '43
 on September 20, 2008
 Elizabeth Moore Young '43
 on August 9, 2008
 Cynthia Neale Vienneau '43
 on October 26, 2008
 Dorothy Baum Roberson '44
 Linda Ladd Lovett '44
 Louise Moore Kaminsky '44
 on March 1, 2008
 Barbara Perry Larkin '44
 on June 28, 2008
 Elfreda Reck Dubin '44
 on August 31, 2008
 Virginia Harwood Nelson '45
 in 2001
 Jean Christiansen Maloney '47
 Eileen Griswold Joyce '47
 on August 8, 2008
 Dorothy Milkey Cole '47
 on November 24, 2008
 Jane Newell Marso '47
 Eunice Watson Crosen '47
 on February 21, 2009
 Ruth Hilton '48
 on January 7, 2009
 Jane Alford Grimson '49
 on January 1, 2009
 Meredith McKone Krieger '49
 on July 19, 2008
 Shirley Olesen Somes '49
 on December 14, 2008
 Marilyn Powell Driscoll '50
 Marjorie Fager Arnold '51
 in July 2008
 Mary Trimby Sawyer '51
 Diane Cueny Harden '53
 in April 2007
 Ellen Dunphy Keohane '53
 on July 6, 2008

Patricia Hall Fletcher '54
 on November 11, 2008
 Patricia Kelsey Scharf '54
 on September 15, 2008
 Judith Hulsman Buffington '55
 on May 31, 2008
 Mary Mack Gutsche '55
 on January 20, 2008
 Marlene Caton Mansfield '60
 on October 25, 2008
 Janet Sawyer Akins '60
 on October 14, 2008
 Suzanne Spangenberg Straley '60
 on October 6, 2008
 Kathleen Burke Griffin '61
 Robin Good Vaughn '63
 on August 6, 2008
 Lois Stoker Witkowski '64
 on February 1, 2008
 Joann "Jody" Ryan Killeen '74
 on December 9, 2008
 Susan Lipsett '82
 Carrie Lempke Braxton '95
 on February 16, 2009



Sadly, Jayne Jewett Woodward '40 passed away on November 22, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. She and her husband, John, had a lifelong interest in books and,

in conjunction with Jayne's 60th Lasell reunion and the *Lasell 150 Campaign*, the two made a generous gift to the Brennan library through a Lasell Gift Annuity. The funds are to be used to support acquisitions that will further the knowledge and love of books by students. "Now that the College is a four-year institution, there is all the more need for reference material," said Jayne upon establishing the fund. She will be remembered for her role in Lasell's vitality and future strength.

Tackling the Subject of Disabilities

Honors Leadership Class Teaches at Newton Elementary School

"It is hard to confront differences," says Jennifer (Jen) Bou-Nassif '11, "but after teaching the Intellectual Disabilities unit of the 'Understanding Our Differences' (UOD) program to the fifth, fourth and third graders at Newton's Lincoln Eliot Elementary School, I became much more comfortable with the topic. And, in teaching it, I learned more myself."

Jen was a member of Professor Sharyn Lowenstein's Honors 205 Leadership class and the group began training for the administration of UOD at the beginning of the semester. They listened to guest speakers who have disabilities, learned how to teach a class, and reviewed the interactive tools they were going to use to illuminate intellectual disabilities.

For most of the class, teaching was uncharted territory. To stand in front of a class of youngsters requires self-confidence and to administer UOD also requires the ability to work with

one's peers in order to make the class run smoothly. "We had to operate as a group and as individuals," recalls Kelli Taylor '11. "My mother ran a disabilities camp which gave me a leg up. I feel comfortable around the handicapped, and I think my experience added to what I could give to the Lincoln Eliot students."

The "Understanding our Differences" program was designed 25 years ago and the curriculum was put together by parents of children in public school who wanted to make sure that youngsters learn how to act with and include people with all types of disabilities. Besides intellectual disabilities, there are also units on deafness and blindness.

"Our goal was to make the children understand that we can't all do things easily and that it's important to include everyone," says Professor Lowenstein. "If, when we left Lincoln Eliot, the youngsters realized that being different



Kelli Taylor '11 works with a fifth grader at the Lincoln Eliot School.

is acceptable, then we would have accomplished what we set out to do. So, when the fifth graders started calling

my class their 'teachers,' I knew the Lasell students had made the connection and we were well on our way." ♥

Impressive Student Work Presented

December Connected Learning Symposium

"Once again the Symposium offered a fabulous display of creativity, competence, and perspicacity that made for a wonderful, enjoyable, and enlightening day," says President Alexander.



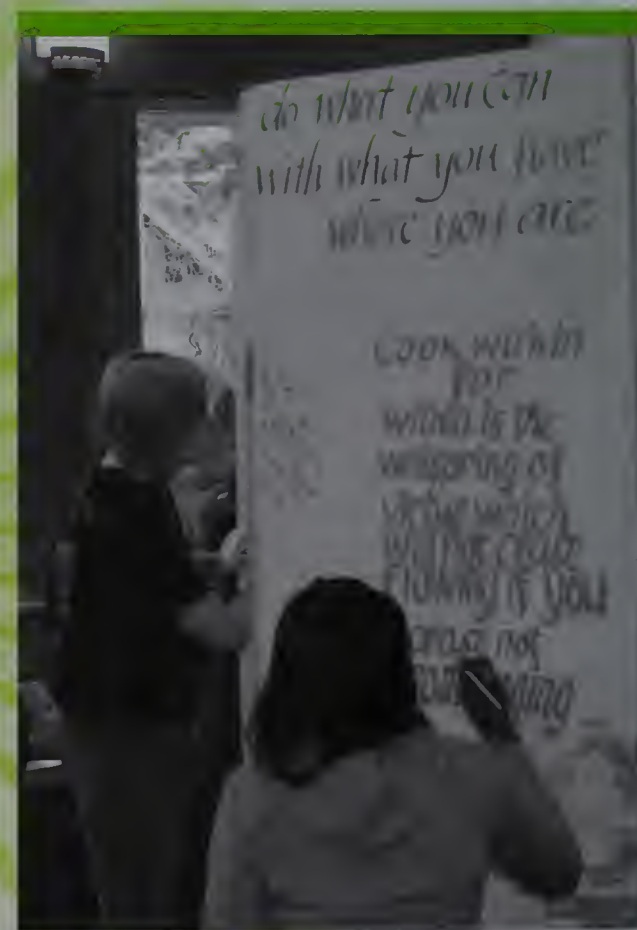
Students in Professor Margo Lemieux's Drawing class used their talents to create animal block print note cards and sold them at the Connected Learning Symposium to raise money for the MSPCA. The creators of the animal block prints: (Front row, L to R) Sophia Rubinstein '12, Renee Breau '12, Alexandra Colafemina '12; (Second row, L to R) Colleen McCleary '12, D'Andre Orosco '12, Stephanie Dicostanzo '12; (Third row, L to R) Erin Hennessey, '12, Rocco Mazzaferro '12, Alyson Terlick '11; (Back row, L to R) Justin Brown '12, Renzo Monzon '08, Gabriella Collado '11 (missing Sarah Holcomb '12).



Mathematics Professor Malini Pilai gets a hug from Janice Cooper '11. Standing behind (L to R) are Christina Laughlin '12, Kelly Silvia '11, and Juliana Cenolli '09. All four are Math minors and Math tutors.



(L to R) Kate Near '09, Kaitlin Harris '10 and Ivan Gonzalez '08 stand in front of the student immigration experience poster that they created.



Students work on the "Graffiti Wall: Words of Power" in the Glow Lounge.

Creating Ties

President Alexander Welcomes Delegation from China

There was an international flavor on campus this fall when Lasell hosted a delegation from Shandong University of Art and Design, including the University's president, Pan Lusheng. The delegation met with President Alexander, faculty from the Fashion Department, and other College representatives and participated in a tour of the College and of Boston and Cambridge.

At the conclusion of the visit, Lasell and the Shandong University of Art and Design leaders agreed to further explore a partnership between the two institutions.

The delegation's arrival came on the heels of a trip to Japan and China made by President Alexander and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jim Ostrow. While in these countries, the two met with several institutions in hopes of building new partnerships. They visited several colleges and universities in Shandong Province in China and participated in an education fair in Beijing. In Japan, they met with the Yamawaki family, with whom Lasell has a long-standing and close relationship.



President Alexander receives a gift from President Pan Lusheng of Shandong University of Art and Design.

The trip was designed to support a goal outlined in the College's five-year strategic plan to increase diversity among undergraduate students at Lasell.

Expansion of Graduate Degrees

Lasell Now Offers Master of Science in Communication

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education approved a new Master of Science in Communication (MSC) degree and students began matriculating in January. The approval of the new Master's degree is a part of Lasell College's Strategic Plan to offer four new graduate-level programs by 2012.

"Lasell was praised for its innovative spirit and high quality proposal," says President Alexander. "The new degree is an important ingredient of the College's strategic plan and it will open up opportunities in the growing field of communications, particularly as the demand for skilled communicators is predicted to grow in the coming years."

The new program is geared toward working communications professionals looking to advance their careers or change direction. It will offer targeted, career-focused education, with concentrations in either Public Relations or Integrated Marketing Communication. The MSC program is 12 courses (36 credits), built around a seven-course core curriculum, providing a solid foundation in Communication.

"Students will create a mixture of courses depending on their personal interests and future career goals," says Director of Graduate Admission



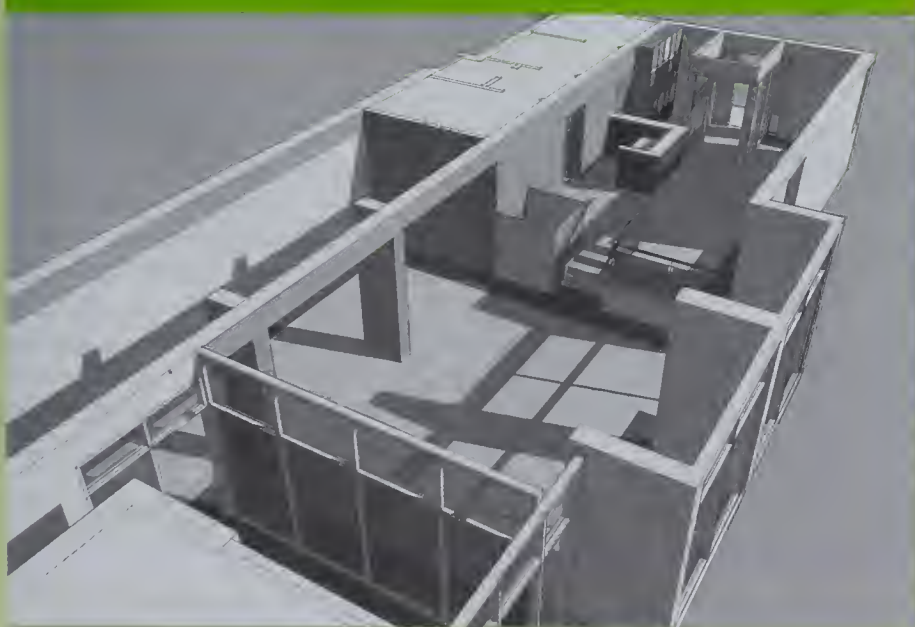
Adrienne Franciosi. "The elective and concentration courses give students more freedom to build a degree specific to their interests. The course formats differ depending on whether they will be traditional, hybrid, or online."

"This degree program will provide an excellent opportunity for working professionals to enhance their skills in today's competitive marketplace," said Professor Janice Barrett, chair of the Communication Department at Lasell. "Every organization needs competent, talented, and skilled communications practitioners who can define the message, reach the audience, and evaluate the effectiveness of communications among internal and external stakeholders."

"Lasell plans to train and develop these competent professionals through the College's new Master's degree in Communication," she added.

Current Construction Projects at Lasell

McClelland Fitness Center



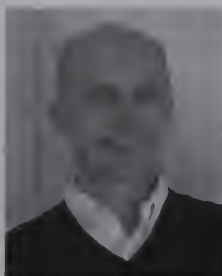
A new, state-of-the-art fitness center will open in McClelland Residence Hall in September of 2009, doubling the workout space on campus. The air-conditioned center, which will house cardio equipment, weight machines, a stretching area, and free weights, will be easily accessible to students who live in the surrounding six residence halls. The rooms will be filled with light from the large windows that will overlook the new quad created by the East and West Residence Halls.

East and West Residence Halls



The construction of the Woodland Road residence halls, to be called for now East Hall and West Hall, is moving along rapidly. Checking on its progress are (L to R) Vice President for Enrollment Management Kathleen O'Connor, President Michael Alexander, Vice President of Lasell Village Paula Panchuck, Vice President for Business and Finance Michael Hoyle, and Director of Plant Operations Thomas Koerber.

Faculty/Staff Update



Dr. Brad Allen, chair of Lasell's Department of Mathematics & Science, had two articles published in the Winter 2009 issue

of *Clinical Laboratory Science*. The back-to-back articles were both authored by Dr. Allen and Rocco Perla and are titled "A Long-Term Forecast of MRSA Daily Burden Using Logistic Modeling" and "Warning System for MRSA Daily Burden."



Associate Professor Stephanie Athey was invited to lecture at the Symposium "On Torture," sponsored by the Heinrich Boll

Foundation and George Washington University this past November. Her talk was titled "Torture and the Speculative Press." In February, she spoke at the Symposium "Torture and the Body," at Whitman College, where the title of her lecture was "The Torture Device: Representation, News and Law."



Adjunct Faculty member Deborah Baldizar, who holds a Master of Fine Art degree from the University of

Massachusetts/Dartmouth, gave a private paper workshop, followed by an Artist Talk at Worcester State College in March. She is currently in a two-person show, titled "Delicate Terrestrials," at Babson College.



Dr. Janice M. Barrett, chair of Lasell's Communication Department, is serving as a member of the panel of judges

for the JFK Library Foundation's *Profiles in Courage* essay. She is also Vice Chair and Program Planner for the Peace and Conflict Communication Division of the National Communication Association Convention that will be held in Chicago in November 2009. Additionally, she is serving as a Board member for the Yankee Chapter of International Association of Business Communicators.



Associate Professor of Fashion Jill Carey has been curator of two exhibits this year which featured specific clothing items

from the Lasell Fashion Collection: "The Art of Italian Style" at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA and "One Hundred Years of Green" at the Boston Public Library.



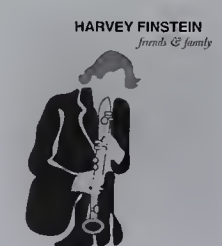
Assistant Professor Michael Daley will be published in the journal *Ecological Modelling* as a joint author of "Mechanisms of moisture

stress in mid-latitude temperate forest: Implications for feedforward and feedback controls from an irrigation experiment."



Sarah King Cherington '02, Adjunct Professor and Interim Chair of the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at Lasell, recently

co-authored a research article in *First Language*, titled "The development of other-related conversational skills: A case study of conversational repair during the early years."



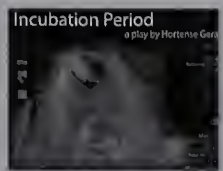
Adjunct Music Professor Harvey Finstein recently recorded a jazz CD titled "Family and Friends." The CD jacket design was done by

Studio Art and Graphic Design Assistant Professor Torre Terrasi and the recording features Finstein's two sons on trombone and piano. Finstein plays regularly at the Ryles Jazz Club in Cambridge, MA.



This fall, Michelle Gaseau became the Director of Communications at Lasell. She was previously Communications Director for the

MIT Portugal Program and MIT's Lean Advancement Initiative. She also has a rich editorial and journalistic background.



The Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre Filmmaker Takeover awarded Assistant Professor

of Anthropology and Humanities Hortense Gerardo's screenplay, "Fourhand," Best Feature Film in the Audience Choice Awards category and the Best Feature Film in the Panelist Awards category. Last summer, the film of her screenplay won the Audience Award for Best Film in the Cape Cod section of the Woods Hole Film Festival. It is scheduled to be in the Somewhat North of Boston Film Festival (SNOB) in November 2009. Professor Gerardo is awaiting word on other juried film festivals for which it's currently under consideration. She is also curating a play reading series at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education called "The First (W)rites Series" that features new work by local playwrights and composers. Her own first full-length play, "Incubation Period," was presented in March. And, she performed in the piece, "Poetics: A Ballet Brut" with the Nature Theater of Oklahoma at the Institute of Contemporary Art.



In December, David J. Hennessey joined the Lasell College community as Associate Dean of Student Affairs. He worked at

Bentley University for the last 23 years, most recently as the Assistant Dean for the Residential Center, which included the Residence Life Office, the Housing Office, and the Student Affairs Administrative Systems Department. He also served as the director of the summer program for the "Bentley in Bahrain" project.



In January, COMtalk, a publication Adjunct Communication Professor Patrick Kennedy manages and edits at

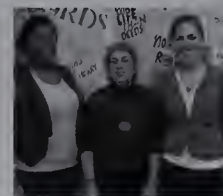
Boston University, received a bronze in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District I 2009 Communication Awards. Additionally, his first book *Boston Then and Now* (2nd ed.) is soon to be released by Thunder Bay Press.



Assistant Professor of Fine Art Margo Lemieux had a solo exhibit called "Music Spirit" at the Blackstone River Theater in

Cumberland, RI this fall. Eleven of her pieces were selected and are on view through May at the Illuminations Gallery in Boston.

Director of the Center for Community-Based Learning (CCBL) Sharyn Lowenstein (center), Lasell's MACC



Americorps*Vista volunteer Nyndia Diligent (left), and Student Program Coordinator for the CCBL Amy

Greene (right) made a presentation at the March Massachusetts Campus Compact Conference in Amherst, MA on the college awareness program, ACES (Awareness, Confidence, Education, Success), that Lasell launched with the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School.



Associate Professor of Psychology Marsha Mirkin will be the Plenary Moderator for the Spirituality and Family Therapy plenary at the

American Family Therapy Annual Conference (AFTA) in New Orleans in June, where she will also moderate a new group about teaching undergraduates and graduate students. She will be on the faculty of the 18th Annual Culture Conference of the Multicultural Family Institute of New Jersey "Trauma, Survival, Healing, and Transformation." Additionally, she and three students presented a poster session on their research about understanding the immigrant student experience at the annual Association for Women in Psychology in Rhode Island.

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Director of the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies **Joann Montepare** recently published a paper on "Subjective Age: Toward a Guiding Lifespan Framework" in the *International Journal of Behavioral Development*. She also organized a special issue for the *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior* on "Politics and Nonverbal Cues."



Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Esther Pearson** was appointed to the Advisory Board for the Center for Women and Work (CWW) at the University of Massachusetts/Lowell.



Lydia Pittman, head of Technical Services at the Brennan Library, is featured as a sidebar in the book *What's the Alternative? Career*

Options for Librarians and Info Pros by Rachel Singer Gordon in which Pittman discusses doing service-learning work for literacy while also being a "traditional" librarian.



Senior Lecturer **Amy Wagenfeld**, a developmental psychologist, was the keynote speaker at the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association

Annual State Conference in March. Her article "It's More than Seeing Green: Exploring the Senses through Gardening" was recently published in *The Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture*, Volume XIX, 2009. Dr. Wagenfeld has been appointed a Research Affiliate at the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. 🌱

Read All About It Lasell in the News

Lasell College and Lasell Village have received steady media coverage in recent months related to a variety of "Lasell stories."

Lasell President Michael B. Alexander has been quoted in several articles in the *Boston Globe* related to Lasell's international recruiting efforts in China, Lasell's economic health, and its efforts to continue faculty searches and fill new and vacant staff positions. In addition, the *Boston Business Journal* included quotes from President Alexander in a story about colleges moving forward with planned construction projects.

The *Boston Herald* and the *Boston Globe* wrote articles about Lasell Village resident Myril Bennett, mother of David Alexrod, senior advisor to President Obama. The *Boston Herald* covered the design of her inauguration gown, while the *Globe* profiled her.

In addition, Lasell College students from the Fashion Department received several mentions in online versions

of *Boston Magazine* and the *Boston Herald* for their participation in a Boston Symphony Orchestra program called "Project Mozart," which challenged young designers to create Mozart-inspired gowns. The gowns were modeled and judged during performances on Feb. 12, 17, and 19 (see story p. 8) 🎭



Hats Off College Presents First Year Academic Achievement Honors



Lasell College presented the First-Year Academic Achievement Awards to more than 100 students who were either on the Dean's List or who are participating in the Honors Program.

“Congratulations on your achievements and bringing your energy and drive to Lasell College,” said President Alexander. “I encourage you to talk with others and share your curiosity for learning.” 🎓

Papers Presented



Professors Joe Aieta, Helen Alcalá, Jane Cornuss '80 and Zaid al-Khalid '09 attended the International Society for the Study of European Ideas in Helsinki and all presented papers at a workshop organized and chaired by Professor Aieta. (L to R) Zaid al-Khalid '09, Professor Helen Alcalá, and Professor Joe Aieta enjoy a moment in Helsinki.

Former Governor on Campus



Former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis took time out of his busy schedule to talk to Professor Paul DeBole's State and Local Government class. (L to R) Tholemon Francois '10, Amanda Redden '12, Brittany Danehy '12, Victoria Elms '12, Paul Meucci '10, Gov. Dukakis, Jessica Buono '11, Jeremy Fay '12, Jason Gelb '11, and Joseph Reggiannini '12 had the chance to get to ask the Former Governor questions.

Donahue Institute Distinguished Scholar “American Dream” not Universal

Darnell Williams, the President/CEO of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, began his time on campus by speaking to a full audience in de Witt Hall about the experiences of black people in the context of leadership, power, and people. “History should enlighten us about the importance of leadership,” he said, “and Presidential leaders define our time.”

He used Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and John Kennedy as presidents who have greatly influenced civil rights and freedoms in America, and the black experience in particular. “They all led at crucial times in our history but the experience beneath the American dream has not been the same for all races,” he said.

“Civil rights mean that there are no second class citizens. America has changed but it needs to change more. There is value in the hard work and sacrifice that has occurred in the last 100 years and we must learn from our setbacks. Leadership and perspective matter.”

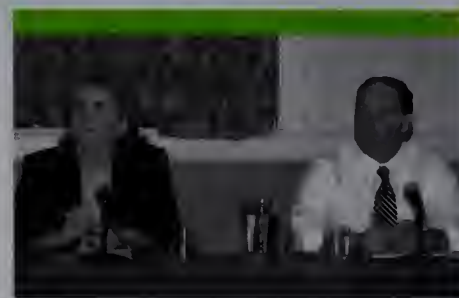
Darnell Williams was able to visit four classes after his de Witt talk: “Race and Ethnicity,” “Police and Society,” “Justice, Class, Race and Gender,” and a first year seminar on Presidential Politics. “Education helps you understand the practical aspects of life and illuminates the points of contradiction. It makes the invisible visible.” 🌱



Darnell Williams takes time to discuss a point with a Lasell student.

The Next Civil Rights Battle Gay Marriage Debate Draws Crowd

Former Massachusetts State Senator Cheryl Jacques and Massachusetts House Majority Leader John Rogers squared off on the topic of gay marriage this fall. The debate was sponsored by the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life and the student group SAFE (Students Advocating for Equality.)



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Jacques, former president of the Human Rights Campaign and now an adjunct faculty member at Lasell and a national leader in the gay civil rights movement, took the position in support of gay marriage while John Rogers, who serves on the House Committee on Rules, took the opposing position.

Speaking to an interested and engaged gathering of students, faculty, and staff, Jacques told the group they were witnessing the next civil rights battle. “We are at a crossroads in this country. We are literally writing the next chapter in civil rights,” she said. “Today Americans are faced with the same kind of bigotry in the workforce, the denial to serve our country, and the denial to marry the person we want to. The arguments are hauntingly familiar to what has been used before.”

Rogers, who opposed the idea of gay marriage but supported equal rights for those joined in civil unions, said he was in favor of a separate and equal institution for gay couples. “Separate, per se, does not mean unequal,” he said.

Jacques noted that under the current federal laws, civil unions are not equal in status to marriage. Rogers agreed and added that the federal laws should be changed, but did not back away from his view that marriage is a union between a man and a woman, not people of the same sex. 🌱

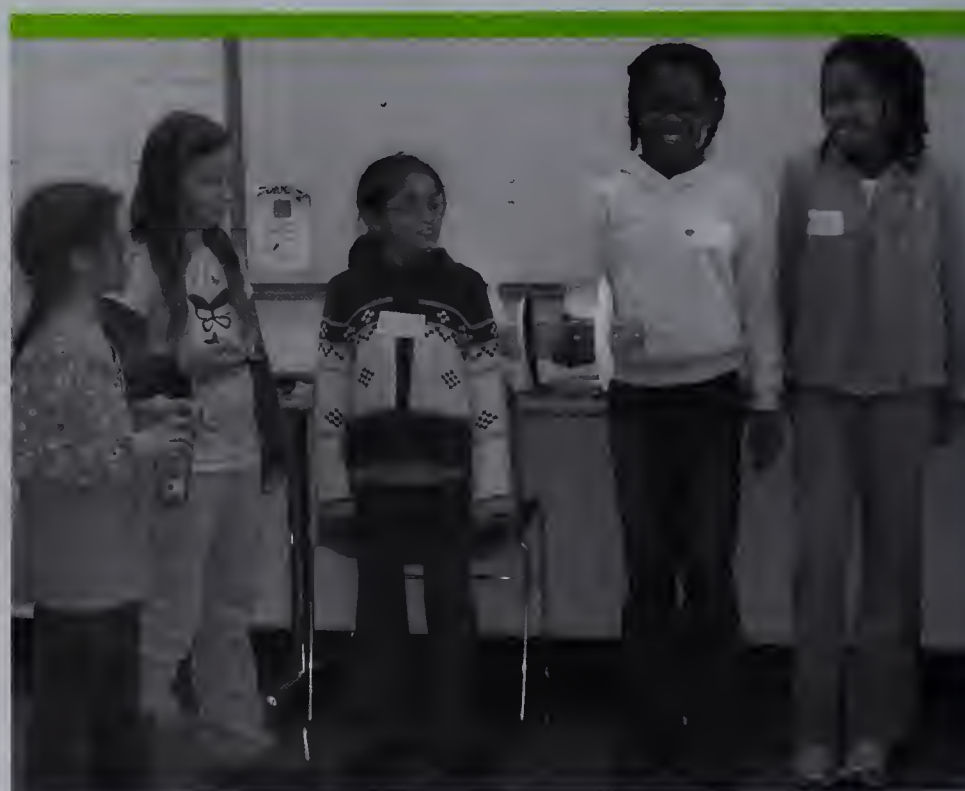
Engaging and Educational Day Lasell and Science Club for Girls Sponsor Teambuilding/Leadership Forum

Forty girls, from kindergarten through seventh grade, arrived on Lasell's campus to participate in a day of carefully planned activities that were designed to excite their curiosity about the possibilities of science, math, and technology as well as to enhance their leadership skills and self-confidence. The Teambuilding/Leadership Forum was created through a partnership between Lasell and The Science Club for Girls (SCFG), which was founded in 1994 to promote gender equity in the sciences in a fun, nurturing, and interactive environment.

The keynote was delivered by Dr. Esther Pearson, Lasell's very own professor of Mathematics. She spoke about opening doors that can lead to a career in science. “Start early and don't shy away from mathematics,” she urged. “Be willing to work in teams and be a leader.”

Morning activities were planned and lead by Lasell students who came from such diverse majors as Education, Allied Health, and the sciences and their enthusiasm was catching. After lunch, the girls performed skits that related to what they had learned as well as on how to be a good friend and a leader.

“It was wonderful how all the pieces of this giant puzzle came together and to see how fully the SCFG girls responded to the well-planned activities,” says Sharyn Lowenstein, director of the Center for Community-Based Learning. “I heard that as the parents drove their daughters home there was non-stop chatter about all the events and that one third grader exclaimed, ‘I was really surprised that I could be in college at such a young age.’” 🌱



Young scientists stand ready to demonstrate their inventions.

Dr. Terrence Roberts Shares Life-changing Experiences Civil Rights Pioneer Tells Story of Segregation and Survival

As a youngster in the 1950s, it took several epiphanies for Terrence Roberts to realize that segregation made no sense, was illogical, and wrong. So, when the opportunity came for him to make a statement — by becoming one of a handful of black students to break the segregation cycle in a Little Rock, Arkansas high school — he was ready and he jumped at the chance.

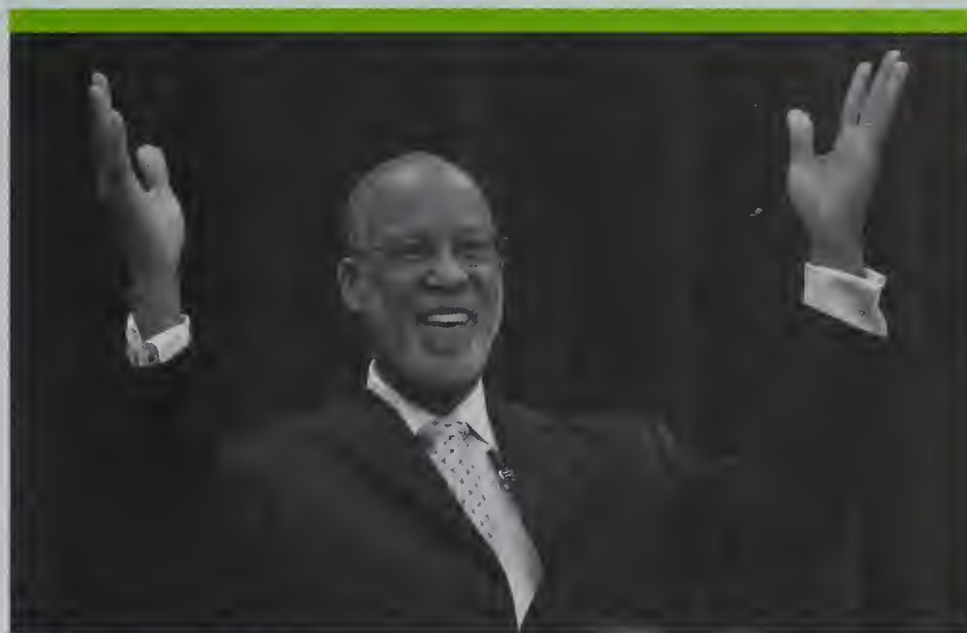
Roberts, at age 15, became one of the Little Rock Nine in 1957 who made history by attending formerly segregated Central High School. Sponsored by Lasell's Office of Student Activities, the Campus Activities Board, and the Donahue Institute, he shared these life-changing experiences with the Lasell Community, relating stories of abuse, racial inequality, and beatings that he and the other eight students endured.

"We nine were dedicated to going to that school and wanted to make a statement that this whole system was

cockeyed," said Roberts. "What shocked us was the intensity. The crowd of people — grandmothers and mothers, holding their children — were all shouting out this racial invective. It was quite a scene. By the end of that year we were pretty beaten down both physically and psychologically."

Roberts, a self-described "nerd," told stories of his English teacher asking him point blank why he didn't go back to his own school. He recalled pondering why she thought that schools were "owned" by a color. He had other stories of the pressure that was placed on families so that their children would not socialize with the "Little Rock Nine" — or else their businesses would suffer, or worse.

Roberts, who gave his talk as part of Lasell's Black History Month celebrations, related these stories with a quiet and calm demeanor and suggested that even more than 50 years later, there is still work to be done.



Dr. Terrence Roberts.

He reflected that this country and many of its citizens have discriminated against people of color for centuries, and it will take time for people to completely change their behavior.

"There is a thin veneer of civility, but we have to crack through that. There has to be chaos before there is change," Roberts said. 🌱

A Greener Campus Lasell Swiftly Moves Toward Sustainability Goals

Lights off, thermostats down, plastics and paper recycled, food and water saved.

These are all accomplishments that Lasell College can claim since the school made an earnest commitment to becoming a "greener campus" in 2008. With the creation of Lasell's Environmental Sustainability Committee last fall and the adoption of the committee's specific goals for the campus, students, faculty, and staff have already made measurable changes in just a few short months.

"I have learned so much by participating in this effort," says Kayla McKenna, '09. "I have seen that it's definitely possible to be an advocate for something and actually make change happen."

"The big goal this year was instituting a recycling program. Last year we didn't have one," said Professor Michael Daley, chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. "Next year we want to maximize our use of it and have a 50 percent reduction in waste. With a

sustained educational commitment, we can reach our goal."

Starting in January, single stream recycling was introduced across campus. It allows for many items, including cardboard, paper, aluminum cans, plastics numbered 1-7, magazines, and clean plastic cups to be recycled in the same bin. Offices and dorms received new receptacles — replacing regular trash bins — as well as posters, flyers, and stickers to help promote the program.

In addition, over the last several months Lasell's Plant Operations department, lead by Director Tom Koerber, has targeted buildings on campus for the installation of new, energy-efficient windows, new heating systems, energy efficient lighting, additional insulation and low-flow water fixtures.

The campus has also seen success from its trayless dining initiative in the campus cafeteria — which began last fall. According to Daley, the effort is starting to make a real impact in the reduction of food and water waste in the dining hall: there has been a 40 percent reduction of waste since 2007, when the measuring first began.

Several environmental classes have conducted field research projects to investigate green practices and understand their impact on the environment. In the fall, students in Professor Daley's Biology class visited and volunteered at the Newton Angino Farm where they learned about the diversity of organisms present in the soil as well as sustainable farming practices. Biology students also traveled to the Sherborn, MA home of President Michael Alexander to investigate water quality differences in two ponds on the property.

Coming later this spring, Lasell's Environmental Sustainability Committee will try to impact the College's green efforts further by reducing the transportation miles of students, faculty, and staff and decreasing the school's carbon footprint.

"Lasell is definitely making a sustained effort and, as a community, we are making improvements steadily," said Daley. 🌱

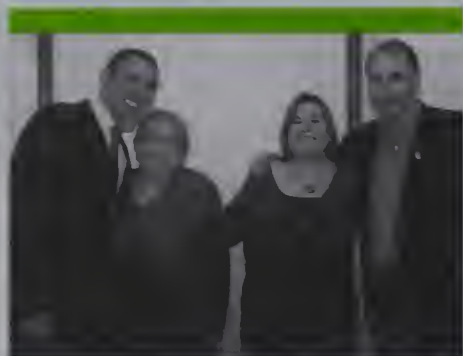


(L to R) Jennifer Duest '09 and Jessica Maloney '10 measure the water content at a pond near President Alexander's home.



A Proud Mother

Obama Inauguration Marks a Special Moment for Villager Myril Bennett



(L to R) President Barak Obama with Myril Bennett, her daughter Joan Axelrod and son David Axelrod.

“He was so welcoming and inspiring. What he said, it picked us up. He always seems so calm.”

— Myril Bennett

Myril Bennet, a Lasell Village resident, has seen Presidents Johnson and Clinton sworn into office and danced at their inaugural celebrations. But this year was something special because she is the mother of David Axelrod, the chief campaign strategist for President Obama and current Senior Advisor to the President.

“How many people can say that they achieved their dream? David’s was to sell a candidate for his positive attributes and he did that with Obama,” Myril says. “How fortunate for any parent when their child achieves that.”

She watched Obama’s historic campaign unfold with a unique viewpoint — part attentive and involved mother and part insider. Through regular phone calls from her son, the involvement of her daughter Joan and grandson in Obama’s campaign, and the participation of her grandsons in the Democratic National Convention in Denver this summer, Myril kept tabs on the inner machinations of the campaign and observed the star quality of President Obama first-hand.

She recalls the inspiration she felt when hearing Obama speak in Boston following the candidate’s New Hampshire primary loss. Her son had arranged for her to attend the event, but the mood of the participants was somber after the loss — until Obama lifted them up.

“He was so welcoming and inspiring. What he said, it picked us up. He always seems so calm,” she says.

Myril added that her son’s deep involvement in the campaign sometimes left her awestruck. “I can’t believe that David was making all these decisions that would impact so many people once Obama was elected,” she said.

So, it was with a full and proud heart that Bennett set off to Washington D.C. with her daughter Joan to celebrate Obama’s election and her son David’s contributions.

And, she did it in style. With the urging of her daughter, she visited “Yolanda’s Salon” in Waltham to select a gown for the occasion. There she met designer David Josef who walked Myril through the process to pinpoint a design for the occasion and he custom-designed the dress she wore by combining aspects of two different gowns from his collection.

Myril, although demure about all the fuss, was thrilled about being a part of the festivities. She attended the inauguration itself as well as one of the balls, but most of all, she celebrated with her family the contributions they made to this moment in history. 🌟



Myril Bennett models her inaugural gown.



Intergenerational Communication

Villager Doris Winder and Rockwell Children Have Special Relationship

“This is my thing,” beams Lasell Villager Doris Winder, surrounded by young students at the Holway Child Study Center/Rockwell. Doris visits every Tuesday and Thursday and is delighted to volunteer her experienced hand.

Professionally Doris is a social worker and she worked for the Department of Mental Health in Massachusetts. She made a change when she moved to Philadelphia and opened a child care center which she ran for five years.

She has also produced a video on home day care. “You never know where life’s turns are going to take you. I have my LICSW and 13 letters after my name, but at one point I couldn’t find a job. I had never imagined making a video

but my daughter worked for Channel 5 and she gave me encouragement and helped me find a photographer. The video ended up winning awards and was used all over the country. It and being a day care director are the two things in my career that I am most proud of.

“When I moved to the Village three years ago and learned about Rockwell I immediately volunteered.

“I really enjoy five year olds. They verbalize, take such pleasure in knowing their letters, and are beginning to write words. I look forward to being with them every week.” 🌟



Doris Winder and Griffin Bond work together writing the alphabet.

Message from Karen Gill, Director of Alumni Relations



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Dear Alums,

With the economic climate of the times and the uncertainty of the world around us, now is the perfect time to make plans to come back to Reunion Weekend with your friends and classmates. We try to keep events as cost-effective as possible while offering you an opportunity to reconnect with friends in an environment where there once were more certainties. One of which is that there is no price tag that one can attach to the value of friendship. Being back on campus will underscore all the good times that are needed right now.

So, contact your friends — find them in the Lasell Online Community at www.lasellalumni.org — and take a weekend for yourself to recharge and reinvigorate some meaningful relationships with which to continue in the future.

Karen B. Gill

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Director of Alumni Relations

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Message from the President of the Board of Management

kind of institution Lasell is — not every year has been easy, some have been challenging for both members and the College — but we never gave up. These women (and we are always looking for a few good men) have made their love of Lasell a top priority.

From personal experience, I will tell you that having an organization that is about the greater good (and not about bills, family, friends, or work) helps put life in perspective. During my years as a student, community service was a value Lasell espoused and it still does today. This is an organization that lets its members get as much as they give. It keeps your mind alive.

One cannot help but be energized by our students, faculty, and staff and all that they are accomplishing. It motivates you to keep striving in your own life. Think of how much Lasell has grown, expanded, and evolved in the years since you studied on campus! I only hope that we can do that in our own lives as well.

If you are like me, while you are reading your copy of the *Leaves* you might be cooking dinner (ok — ordering take-out) or trying to get to the phone before you lose your place in an article. I am asking you to take a moment, let the dinner burn or the take-out get cold, and think

of someone who left an imprint on your life at Lasell and thank them by re-engaging in OUR community. We cannot do our work alone.

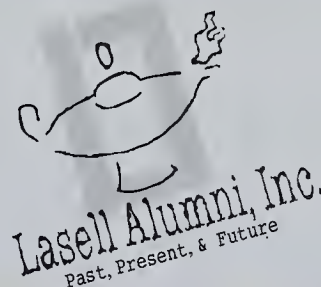
I encourage you to fill up your life with people, places, and experiences that challenge and inspire you. I promise Lasell is still a place that does that, but now you don't have finals at the end, just personal satisfaction. Thinking of which, when I started my term two years ago, I was not looking forward to writing these letters at all — "homework!" Surprisingly, as I sit on my couch on a windy cold day, I realize this just might be one of my favorite parts of the gig. Writing to you gives me time to reflect on what is important in my life and I would like to thank the entire community for this opportunity.

Again, to all the members of the BOM — and those who support us, what you do for Lasell is noticed, appreciated, and the rest of you get on the band wagon and come on down!!!

God Speed.

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Volunteer Reunion Coordinators — Reunion Weekend, May 15-17

'34 - 75th	Alumni Office
'39 - 70th	Jean Michael Petersen
'44 - 65th	Dottie Tobin Staffier, Jean Campbell, Gloria Boyd Major-Brown
'49 - 60th	Nancy Curtis Grellier, Nancy Lawson Donahue
'54 - 55th	Carol Rofer Hofmann
'59 - 50th	Carolyn Wood Brox, Frances Reid Smith, Joan Conradi McLaughlin
'64 - 45th	Vivien Ash Gallagher, Marsha Keyes Tucker, Beverly Landros Bley
'69 - 40th	Linda Koed, Ellen Evans Little
'74 - 35th	Alumni Office
'79 - 30th	Pam Henderson Pagliaro, Cathie Saunders Simard
'84 - 25th	Betsy Harkins Dorisca
'89 - 20th	Alumni Office
'94 - 15th	Alumni Office

“What are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?”

Dear Alums,

This is my last letter to our community as your BOM President. I wanted to dedicate it to all the Board of Management members who have tirelessly given time, creativity, energy, laughter, debate, and financial support to our Lasell. Over half of our members have been on the Board for more than 20 years. That dedication speaks to what

Alumni Relations

Past Events...



Karen Lord Conroy '59 and her husband, Thomas, spoke with Michael Alexander after the "Triumph of Marriage" exhibit tour at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, FL.



Mary Barbara Alexander spoke to Elliott and Gail Winalski Burd '58 before the Naples, FL Philharmonic Orchestra event.



(L to R) Vicki Tenney Graboys '67, Volunteer Bonnie Berman Wugman '72, Thomas Graboys, M.D., and Michael Alexander. Dr. Graboys and his wife spoke with the Lasell community about his Parkinson's disease and how they cope as a family. His book, "Life in the Balance," was available for purchase.



Ann August Marcus '56 (standing) and her "big sister," Thelma Greenberg Florin '54, got reacquainted at the West Palm Beach, FL Lily Tomlin event.



Jess Harmond '12, granddaughter of Jacqueline Eldridge Holihan '44, stopped by the Alumni Office for the Legacy Open House, September 4, with her parents.



President Alexander stands with the winners of the golf outing at Braeburn Country Club in September: (L to R) Keith Tower '05, Ryan Morell '04, Greg Koch '05, and Joe Pirrone '03.



The President of the Alumni Association, Urit Chaimovitz '98, bonded with the President of the Student Council, Amanda Miller '09, at the River Day races.



Sisters Jan Parmenter Bogardus '56 and Linda Parmenter Goulding '64 attended the Lasell College Red Sox game in September. The Red Sox clinched a berth in the playoffs.



Urit Chaimovitz '98, Joy Stewart Rice '55, and Nancy Curtis Grellier '49 represented the Alumni Board of Management at the Student Activities Fair in September.



Alumni Board of Management members Joy Stewart Rice '55, Jennifer Pope '04/'08 MSM, Jessica Anthony '98, and Urit Chaimovitz '98 met Marina Rose Seitsinger '79/Parent of Kerith '11 at the River Day Festivities.



Sisters (bottom) Betsy Harkins Dorisca '84 and Lee Harkins Tran '79 attended the Lasell College Red Sox game in June.



It was a beautiful day for strolling the gardens at the Morakami Japanese Museum and Gardens in Delray Beach, FL.

Alumni Relations

A Five Star Volunteer Gives Back Bonnie Berman Wugman '72



Tireless, willing, and an invaluable member of the Alumni Relations team — Bonnie Berman Wugman

'72 may not have an office on the Lasell campus, but she is constantly working behind the scenes to raise money for the Board of Management and to make Alumni events happen.

A former Florida resident, she willingly took on the role of volunteer reunion coordinator for her 30th reunion when she was contacted by Alumni Relations Director Karen Gill. "I was very pleased to reconnect with Lasell since, looking back, attending the College was one of the best decisions I ever made," says Bonnie.

When Bonnie and her husband moved back to Boston in 2002, she called Karen to see what she could do. "I knew I wanted to get involved and give back to the College that had given me so much. Karen immediately told me about the

Board of Management (BOM) and, as they say, the rest is history."

For the last two years, Bonnie has been the BOM's Benefits/Special Events Chair and has headed up many fundraising efforts, including the 2008 Natick Collection Holiday Giving Spree, the Celtic's tickets fundraiser, the Shaw's/Star Rewards program, and the Lasell Cookies Sale during Family, Friends, & Alumni Weekend.

Bonnie also put her event planning skills to work and organized an evening with Dr. Thomas Graboys and his wife, Victoria Tenney Graboys '67, where they discussed his book, *Life in the Balance*. And, with her Florida background, she helped plan the alumni events for President Alexander's February Florida trip.

"I can't thank Bonnie enough for all that she does," says Karen. "She's a much appreciated member of our team." 🍪

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Alumni News and Events

Save the Date for Future Alumni Gatherings!

Throughout the year, President Michael Alexander, and members of the Institutional Advancement staff will be traveling around the country to meet with alumni from all class years at Lasell gatherings. It's a chance to meet and network with other alumni in your geographic area while also hearing the latest information about Lasell. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office if you can help to provide ideas, organize an event, etc. The office creates and mails all invitations.



Upcoming 2009 Alumni Events

April 26 - Entertainer Bill Cosby and dessert reception, Englewood, NJ

May 8 - Washington D.C. area reception and dinner

May 15-17 - Reunion Weekend/Commencement

July 29 - Red Sox game - Fenway Park

August 27 - Red Sox Game - Fenway Park

September 13 - Red Sox Game - Fenway Park

September 16 - Golf Outing, Braeburn Country Club, Newton, MA

October 16-18 - Family, Friends, & Alumni GOLD Reunion/River Day Weekend

Upcoming 2010 Alumni Events

May 14-16 - Reunion Weekend/Commencement

May 25-June 2 - Trip to Provence, France

For more information on all events please go to the online community:
www.lasellalumni.org.

Red Sox tickets!

Due to the enormous popularity of Red Sox tickets, we have had to change the procedure for obtaining tickets. Please read this message in its entirety before taking action!

Red Sox tickets available for the 2009 season: Tickets may be purchased on Tuesday, June 2nd by calling 1-866-567-4576 (Tickets-for-Charity) beginning at 10:00 a.m. and until the tickets are SOLD OUT! Please note: Only two (2) tickets per alumnus are available at \$64.95 each, sold on a first come, first serve basis, one game per phone call. There is a \$5 donation per ticket included in the ticket price to benefit the Lasell Alumni, Inc. Scholarship Fund. You will be required to provide your name, address, telephone and graduation year, along with your credit card and expiration date, billing zip code and

current e-mail address to complete your ticket purchase. **Game dates: Wednesday, July 29th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Oakland and Thursday, August 27th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Chicago White Sox.** Seats are located in the right field box. Tickets may be picked up at Bertucci's Restaurant, 533 Commonwealth Ave., in Kenmore Square between 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. on game day.

The Alumni Relations Office will be selling tickets to a final game on **Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 1:35 p.m. vs. Tampa Bay. Seats are \$35 per person including a \$5 donation per ticket to benefit the Lasell Alumni, Inc. Scholarship Fund. Seats are located in the right field grand stand, section 10. Register at www.lasellalumni.org/redsox92009 or call 617-243-2467.**

A TICKET A TASKET...A FUNDRAISING BASKET

Lasell Alumni, Inc. is sponsoring a raffle of Theme Gift Baskets during Reunion Weekend (May 15-17, 2009) to raise funds for the Alumni Student Scholarship Fund.

Baskets will be displayed after May 1 on the www.lasellalumni.org/basketso9 web site to allow folks to view them in advance. Possible baskets include:

- Wine Basket
- Baby Basket
- Gardening Basket
- Cooking Basket
- Movie Night Basket
- Car Care Basket
- Sports Basket
- Spa Basket

Making a College Education Possible: Celebrating Scholarships



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These are challenging economic times, and — for students — receiving a scholarship can be the difference that enables him or her to obtain a Lasell education. Lasell seeks to attract and keep star students such as Andrew and Kayla (see spotlights below), who are having a profound impact at Lasell and in the world beyond our campus. We respectfully request your help in this endeavor. Scholarship support, both through endowed funds such as those listed here and through student financial aid packages underwritten by the Annual Fund, help deserving students come to and remain at the College — no matter what level of need their financial circumstances may present.

If you are interested in helping students achieve their dream of a Lasell College education either through a special gift to create an endowed scholarship in your name (or to honor someone else) or to a current use scholarship via the Annual Fund, please contact me. Your gift will open doors. 🌱

Scholarship Recipients Shine



Surrounded by children's books in the *America Reads* office in Lasell's Center for Community-Based Learning, Andrew W. Mayer '11,

the recipient of the Virginia Thomas Baxter '39 Endowed Scholarship, is the administrative hub of the program. "I really created my own position," he smiles. "Last year I was a tutor and I came away from the experience with a lot of suggestions on how to make things run more smoothly."

This year, Andrew is a Resident Assistant in Holt Hall on campus and he is also an Orientation Coordinator, a position that is awarded to students who can serve as role models for the orientation leaders and incoming students. In March, he traveled to Nicaragua on the Lasell trip. "With all my *America Reads* background, I couldn't have asked for more than to put my experience to work for the Biblioteca in San Juan del Sur."

A self-proclaimed efficiency expert, Andrew has managed to find time to volunteer with the ACES college education program for fifth and sixth graders at the Boston Renaissance Charter School, giving the youngsters campus tours and explaining what a typical day at college is like. He also ran the Trick or Treat for Cans drive and the neighbors embraced the program.

"Diane Austin, dean of Student Affairs, said to me, 'You can't major in extra-curricular activities,' but I'm not so sure," he laughs.

"I'm enjoying every minute at Lasell," he continues, "but none of this would have been possible without the aid I have received from the Baxter scholarship."



It's hard to keep up with Kayla R. McKenna '09, the recipient of the Jean '49 and Cynthia '78 Sargent Lee Endowed

Scholarship, and it's not just because she's the captain and fastest female member of Lasell's cross country team. She also is involved in many campus activities.

A Graphic Design major and a member of the Honors Program, Kayla has been lending her design skills to many groups on campus. Long interested in the College's Green Campus Initiative, she created its logo and the recycling posters that are displayed in every building. She has also worked for Institutional Advancement for four years and is responsible for many of the eye-catching brochures, invitations, and postcards that are mailed by the office.

For her senior thesis and Honors component, Kayla is very excited about

Selected Lasell Scholarships and 2008-2009 Recipients

With Gratitude from Lasell College and the Past, Current, and Future Student Recipients

Florence Adams Scholarship	Sarah M. Turnage '11
Joan Weiler Arnow '49 and Robert H. Arnow Scholarship	Emilie B. Boucher '11 Ariella Harrington '10 Robert H. Hansen '09
Virginia Thomas Baxter '39 Endowed Scholarship	Andrew W. Mayer '11
Emma Gilbert Carver '45 Scholarship	Stephen Vanderwerken '09
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Max M. and Marian M. Farash Scholarship	Michael P. Ansaldi '10
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Marjorie MacClymon '32 Scholarship	Mathew A. Stambler '09
Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51 and Anna A. Vojir Endowed Scholarship	Erich O. Schiebel '09
The Mary McNamara '56 and Antoinette Ruinen '56 Fund for International Students or Studies	Nara L. Paz '09
Sebastian F. Mignosa Scholarship	Chelsea F. Ferreira '11
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Eileen Ruth Moses '78 Scholarship	Amanda R. Major '10
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Molly E. Upham '35 Scholarship	Amanda M. Diotte '09 Lauren K. Ennis '11 Erica A. Desautels '09
The Ward-de Witt Presidential Endowed Scholarship	Hitomi Tajima '11
Joan Howe Weber '51 Endowed Scholarship	Danielle de Marquez '09
Harriet Markham Wedeman '48 Endowed Scholarship	Lauren Tousignant '09
Richard A. Winslow Scholarship	Laura C. Walters '10
Priscilla Alden Wolfe '19 Scholarship	Timothy P. Jutras '09

an animation sequence she is creating, using her design skills. "I am interviewing children from the ages of four to eight, asking them philosophical questions, such as "What do you think love is?" and "How did the Earth begin?" I am then going to illustrate their answers and create a 10 minute animation piece that will run at the May Connected Learning Symposium.

In January 2007, Kayla traveled to Mexico with the College's Shoulder to Shoulder program and was deeply affected by the poverty she witnessed. She returned to Central America with

Lasell's Nicaragua program in March in order to work closely with the children who so desperately want to learn how to read.

"I feel so lucky to have been at Lasell for four years and I'm so appreciative of the funds that I've received through the Lee scholarship," says Kayla. "I think what I am going to miss most are my professors. They want you to excel and they have made it possible for me to be involved in so much. They are always willing to go one step beyond — their support has made everything possible for me." 🌱

Major Gifts and Planned Giving

"Passion, Design, Performance: The Art of Italian Design" Donors Dine Surrounded by All Things Italian

Ask anyone who attended this year's Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner on October, 27, 2008 and they will tell you that the experience felt like they were transported back in time. The setting was extraordinary — a carriage house constructed in 1888 resembling the French chateau "Chateau de Chaumont-Sur-Loire." Guests were surrounded by exotic Italian sports cars — Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and Maseratis, many of them antiques. And to make it even more exciting, everyone was treated to an exhibit of Italian fashion designs from the Lasell College Historic Clothing Collection, including pieces by world-renowned designer Leo Narducci. So, could it get any better than that? Yes. Leo Narducci, president of Narducci Designs was in attendance and spoke briefly to the crowd of 120 guests. And the highlight of the evening was a fashion show featuring collections from current Lasell fashion design students and alumni.

It may have felt like France or Italy, but in reality guests were in Brookline, Massachusetts at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. The museum, a local treasure, grew out of a tradition by wealthy socialites Larz and Isabel Anderson who opened the doors to their spectacular carriage house on Sunday afternoons to share their collection of antique American and



Adelaide Shaffer Van Winkle '36/H'96 has a Lasell president on each arm.

European vehicles with the public. The Andersons purchased a new car nearly every year, acquiring 32 brand new motorcars during their lives — many of them now on display. The exhibit, "Passion, Design, Performance: The Art of Italian Design," which will run through April 2009, was orchestrated by Anne Valley, a member of Lasell's fashion faculty. Newly appointed Chair of the Fashion Department, Mary Ruppert-Stroescu, and President Michael Alexander welcomed guests and introduced the program. Students and alumni were involved in planning the event, showcasing their fashion collections, and even modeling the clothing. It was "connected learning" at its best.



Dean for Institutional Advancement Ruth Shuman addresses the evening's guests at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Behind her is the bright red Michael Schumacher Imola winning Formula 1 Ferrari racer, one of the many spectacular cars that surrounded the diners.

The annual Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner is the College's way to thank donors of \$1000 or more to the Annual Fund for their generosity and support of Lasell. It will be hard to "top" this event next year, but if you want to be on the invitation list next fall, please consider a leadership level gift to the 2009 Annual Fund. 🍀



Dwight and Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51 take a moment to look at a coat created by Casey Rich '07.

Planned Giving

Bequests: Leaving a Legacy

We are pleased to continue our series of bequest donor profiles in this edition of *Leaves*. These are thoughtful individuals who chose to support Lasell by making a provision in their will or trust to support the College at their death. They loved their alma mater and believed in its future. We are grateful for their foresight and generosity.

Jean Sargent Lee '49, our featured donor, bequeathed \$65,000 to Lasell. We hope she inspires you to consider bequest support as part of your philanthropic planning. For more information or to request a bequest language handout, please call or email Kurnerjones@lasell.edu.



Jean Sargent Lee '49

There is something to be said for someone who gives generously of their time and money to an organization during their lifetime. It is even more extraordinary when someone thinks ahead and includes that institution in their estate plans — allowing them to give back even after they have passed

away. Jean Sargent Lee, Class of 1949, exemplifies this characterization.

Jean loved Lasell College and demonstrated her passion for her alma mater in many ways. As a student, Jean was an athlete, playing hockey and a member of the crew team. She also served as an assistant editor of *News*, and she was a member of the staff of the '49 yearbook, *The Lamp*.

Jean was a consistent Annual Fund donor, joined the Board of Overseers in 1995, the Board of Trustees in 1996, and in 1997 established an endowed scholarship in her name and her daughter Cynthia's name (Class of 1978). During the *Lasell 150 Campaign* Jean served as the Co-Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee, and later chaired the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board.

At that time, Jean and her husband Bob gave a generous gift and the Sargent Classroom, in the renovated Winslow Academic Center, was named in her honor. She also gave a gift to restore one of the historic war canoes.

When Lasell needed Jean, she was there ready and willing to help in any way that she could. Jean died in August of 2007 and this January a letter arrived from Jean's son Peter telling us that Lasell was named in her Trust. He stated that his dad, Robert, had disclaimed his interest in the income benefit, and that we would be receiving a \$65,000 distribution. The check arrived shortly thereafter. Now Jean's legacy will live on at Lasell and will inspire many future generations of students and alumni. 🍀

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Message from Haegan Forrest: Director of Annual Giving



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I am thrilled and excited as I join the Lasell community as the new Director of Annual Giving. It is an honor to have this opportunity and to be a part of the Institutional Advancement team that is clearly committed to the growth and success of Lasell College. As I look ahead, I am energized by the strengths of Lasell and poised to tackle the challenges we face!

I began my work as a fundraiser at Northfield Mt. Hermon School in 1998 as the Director of Young Alumni Programs. Since then I've served as Director of Annual Giving and then as

Director of Development at independent private schools in the Greater Boston area. It gives me great joy and personal satisfaction to help strengthen the institutions for which I have worked. Building a culture of philanthropy is a priority for me, as it provides our society with a deeply meaningful way to make a difference in each other's lives. Through high school and my years at Wheaton College in Norton, MA, I was the beneficiary of scholarship funds that made possible an education that was otherwise unattainable. For that I am extremely grateful and feel compelled to return the favor through my professional work. Today's students at Lasell benefit from the same kind of donor support each one of us received during our college years, be it through scholarship funds, enhanced campus technologies, better library resources or improved classroom facilities. I am excited by the role I will play in securing this support for Lasell, the students, and members of the faculty.

My goals are simple but critically important. First, I look forward to getting to know as many members of the Lasell community as possible. The personal connections and stories people have about their years in school are what I enjoy most about this work. The history and the people bring a place alive and provide a richness and depth of experience for today's students. Second, I hope to build the annual giving program through increased volunteerism and expanding the participation of all friends and alumni of Lasell. Bolstered by the affinity that

alumni and friends have for Lasell College, we can achieve great new heights and successes for the Lasell College Annual Fund. The 2007 Strategic Plan, Vision 2012, calls for the Annual Fund to surpass \$1million dollars by the fall of 2012. Together we can achieve this tremendously important benchmark for Lasell, thus strengthening the program, the education students receive, and the value your *alma mater* imparts on the world today.

This year the Annual Fund goal is \$750,000. These funds make possible the excellent education Lasell students receive each year. I am pleased to report that pledges and gifts currently stand at \$603,000, with three months until the effort closes on June 30. The Lasell Annual Fund Giving Challenge has heightened our excitement over the progress of the Annual Fund this year. **The Challenge, generously donated by Trustee Adelaide Shaffer Van Winkle '36/H'96, provides every donor a dollar for dollar match of all new or increased**

gifts of at least \$100. As a member of the Lasell family, I hope you will consider supporting Lasell this year, and participating in the challenge, if you have not already done so. Strong families need the support of each member to stay strong.

Thank you for your support and for your warm welcome to Lasell. I look forward to meeting the members of the Lasell family. It is my sincere hope that my work at Lasell will make a difference in the lives of the students today and for those yet to attend Lasell. As Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." I hope you will join me in "throwing something back" to Lasell College. 🍀

Haegan Forrest

Haegan Forrest
Director of Annual Giving

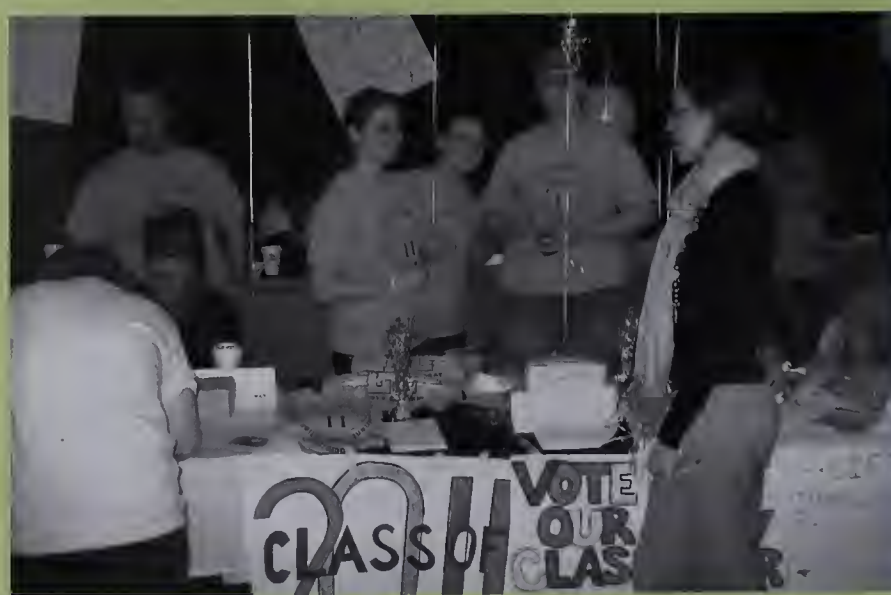
Competition Held to Kick Start Donations Class Gift Challenge

They are off and running — the competition is underway to see which class can raise the most money for their class gift. In past years, only the Seniors were involved in raising funds for their gift, but this year, in order to begin building class spirit early and to create momentum, a fundraising competition was held for all classes.

"Through the support of Student Activities, we kicked off the 'race' at the Student Activities Fair," says Jan-Marie Murray, assistant director

of Annual Giving. "The classes each had their own table and handed out baggies of M & M's in their class colors, personalized with a message about the challenge. The competition lasted for a month and class committees and Phonathon callers from each class solicited their fellow classmates for gifts."

Congratulations go to the Class of 2010, who had the highest participation rate.



Members of the Class of 2011 man their fundraising table at the Student Activities Fair.

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Trustee Adelaide Shaffer Van Winkle '36/H'96 is challenging you: she will match every new and increased gift of at least \$100.

We only receive the match with new and increased gifts; please give generously. Let's not leave any money on the table!

All gifts will help Lasell reach the Annual Fund goal. Make your gift at www.lasellalumni.org/challenge.

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Message from the Athletic Director

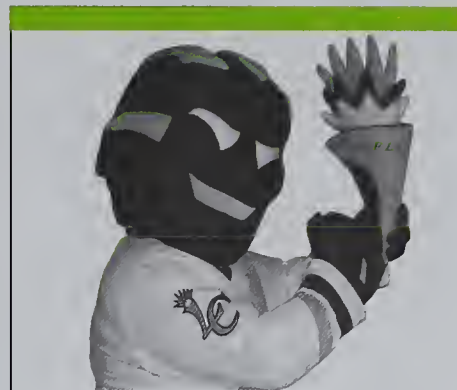
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This spring, the Athletic Department has added two new exciting aspects to its program. Lasell College has partnered with Preston Sports to create an exciting new look for the Lasers on the web. Sports Information Director Janice Coppolino has been working with Presto Sports since November in preparation for the April launch of the new home of Lasell College Athletics on the web: laserpride.lasell.edu. The new site will feature up-to-date statistics and game stories, team photos and videos, player profiles, an on-line survey, conference standings, a player of the week, and a brand new updated look for the Lasers. The site will be linked to www.lasell.edu but it will be self-standing, dedicated to the athletic department, and will be used to showcase and promote all of Lasell College Athletics.

In conjunction with the new website, the Lasers are introducing new logos, word marks, and a mascot. A small committee on campus has been working for over a year on a new look for the Lasers. This is the first time that the Lasers have a mascot and the new marks and the mascot embody the attributes of the Lasers including being competitive, having pride, being determined, displaying energy, and being committed. The marks and the mascot also focus on light and the torch since these are key elements in the history of Lasell College. The mascot is "Boomer," a torchbearer who is carrying the light of the Lasers. Boomer was introduced to the community on March 25th and is now representing the Lasers at home sporting events and at other events on campus.



Boomer, the new mascot, was introduced to the wildly cheering students on March 25.

These two new additions to the athletic department will help to increase the visibility of the program both on and off campus.

Kristy Walter

Kristy Walter
Athletic Director

Men's Soccer

Overall Record: 9-1-0
Conference Record: 12-8-0

It was an outstanding season for the Lasers, who finished second in the GNAC and traveled to the ECAC Championship tournament for the second time in the program's history. The team also finished ranking 15th in the nation for scoring offense, having scored 60 goals in 20 games.

Lasell produced seven shutouts this season, five of which were solo shutouts by goalkeeper Julian Dutton '10, who was placed on the GNAC Honor Roll four times. Brandon Hanss '10 anchored the Laser defense and Paul Meucci '10, Rocco Mazzaferro '12, and Sean Fisher '11 were also skillful and determined in the back field.

Senior captain Zach Gagne finished the year as the all-time career leader in



Kuol Aceuk '09 sets up a play.

points, ending with 121. He and Kuol Aceuk '09, who has been an impact player in the midfield for the past four seasons, will both be much missed next year. 🍀

Women's Soccer

Overall Record: 10-6-2
Conference Record: 7-3-2

The team had a very positive 2008 season, playing with composure and drive all fall. They earned a spot in the post-season GNAC tournament and also secured a berth as the eighth seed in the ECAC Championship Tournament — a first in the program's history.

The Lasers will only be losing two senior athletes: Ashlinn O'Brien and goal keeper Jamie Remmers, who posted three solo shut outs. Remmers was ably backed up by Elizabeth Stickey '12 who lead the team with saves, with a total of 89, and was ranked 15th in the nation in NCAA Division III in save percentage (.890).

Junior Captain Alaina Mitrano and Jordynn Frolo '12 were the leading defenders all season, while also



Ashley Lambert '10 at full tilt.

producing opportunities for Lasell's offensive attack. Midfielder Alyssa Ferreri '10 was first on the team in points, with 14 overall. The young team has high hopes for the future. 🍀

Women's Volleyball

Overall Record: 9-20
Conference Record: 5-8

The Lasers went on a winning streak midway through the season, highlighted by being victorious in a five set match over a strong Rhode Island College squad, and then beating three GNAC teams. They finished as the eighth seed in the GNAC tournament, but they were matched against the number one, Rivier College, and were unable to advance.

Junior Captain Amanda Major was the leader in digs for the season, for a total of 1,754 in her career so far, which is a record in Lasell women's volleyball history. Also setting a Lasell record was Senior Co-captain Kelsey Schmidt, with a career total of 232 blocks and she lead the team in kills this season. Fellow Senior Co-captain Nicole Wetterman

did not end up far behind Schmidt in final numbers and newcomers Megan Crozier '12 and Danielle Drapeau '12 made an immediate impact on the team.

The Lasers have a young squad that gained valuable experience in 2008. 🍀



Amanda Major '10 leaps for the ball.

Men's Basketball

Overall Record: 18-9
Conference Record: 14-4

It was a thrilling year for the Lasers, who finished first in the GNAC regular season. In the semi-final of the championship tournament they fell to the Emmanuel College Saints in a double-overtime thriller. Their season could have ended there but they were selected as the first seed in the ECAC New England Championship, where they unfortunately fell to Becker College.

Senior forward Jose Guitian had an unbelievable season, surpassing the 1,500 point and 1,000 rebound mark, and being selected the GNAC Player of the Year. Fellow Senior and Co-captain Brad Caravoulas was one of the top three-point shooters in the conference



Jose Guitian '09 moves down the court.

as well as in the nation. He scored his 1,000th point this season and stands fourth in Lasell's all-time scoring leaders. Freshman forward Javon Williams also had a great year and the squad is looking ahead to another successful season. ♥

Women's Basketball

Overall Record: 7-18
Conference Record: 4-8

This year's squad had a lot of heart, as exemplified by their final game against Norwich University, which went into an overtime with 15 ties and 16 lead changes. Senior Co-captains Shauna Kelly and Katie Schumitz led the way for the Lasers in this final home contest and Kelly was selected to the GNAC All-Conference Third Team for the season. She recorded four double-doubles this year and finished 22 games in double figures for scoring, which ranked her third for scoring in the GNAC.

Tricia Culver '10 played well all season and was second on the team in points and rebounds. Katie Farr '11 led from the point guard position and freshmen



Tricia Culver '10 is heavily guarded.

Amanda Driscoll and Kelsey Converse were strong members of the team. Next year's season should be bright. ♥

Field Hockey

Overall Record: 7-11
Conference Record: 2-5

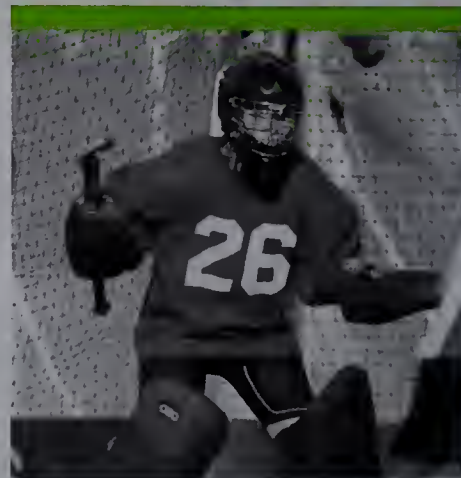
The first year Head Coach Marushka Eddy and her squad made it to the quarterfinals of the NAC field hockey tournament, but unfortunately lost to Husson College.

The Lasers were led by Junior Captain Caitlyn Walker, who posted a total of 43 points and who, in the game against

Elms College, set the record for goals scored in a game (six). Other team members who made their mark were Meagan Deandrade '10, who was second in total points, and Christine Thornton '12, who filled the role of goalkeeper with distinction.

Lasell will graduate three players from their 2008 roster: Cara Hulse, Amanda Miller, and Co-captain Stephanie Jansen. All three had great careers and

were key contributors throughout their years at the College. The future looks very bright for the Lasers, who will have nine out of 11 starters returning, as well as a very deep bench. ♥



Christine Thornton '12 between the pipes.

Men and Women's Cross Country

Overall Record: 8-11
Conference Record: 5-5

Both the men's and women's teams had some truly exciting performances this season. Highlights included six Lasers setting career personal bests, finishing fourth and fifth place as a team respectively in the men's and women's GNAC Championship race, and finishing the season with 11 athletes competing in the NCAA Regional meet.

For the men, Senior Captain Christopher Johnson finished first for the Lasers in six of the eight races this season, with a season best of 28:32 at the Saints Invitational at Franklin Park. Zachary Lambert '11 and Grant Vantine '12 both set career personal bests during the last regular season race. Lambert was the first of the Lasers across the finish line at the NCAA Division III New England Qualifier.

Kayla McKenna '09 was Lasell's top finisher in all of the women's races she



Chris Johnson '09.

competed in this season. Danielle Chiarella '09, Lauren Darrah '09, and Meagan McCole '11 all saw personal bests this year. Six women crossed the finish at the NCAA Regionals. ♥



Kayla McKenna '09.

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